Clinton orders warships to Haiti

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Bill Clinton Friday ordered six destroyers to patrol waters off Haiti to enforce U.N. sanctions due to take effect Monday, saying Haiti's military rulers were crushing a drive to restore democracy. Mr. Clinton said he also ordered backup troops to be put on standby at a U.S. naval base-in Cuba and said he would be imposing unilateral sanctions in addition to the oil and arms embargo voted by the U.N. Security Council. "I have today ordered six destroyers to patrol the waters off Haiti, so that they are in a position to enforce the sanctions fully when they come into effect Monday," Mr. Clinton told a press conference. One of the ships were to be in place in an hour's time, and all would be in place by Saturday, he said. Mr. Clinton said an infantry company had also been put on standby at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. "I will also be imposing additional unilateral sanctions, such as revoking visas and freezing the assets of those who are perpetrating violence and their supporters" in Haiti. He took the measures a day after the assassination of Haitian Justice Minister Guy Malary, the latest in a series of blows to a U.N. mission designed to help restore the ousted Haitian president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide (see page 8).







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PLO, Israel on fast track to autonomy

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THE PALESTINE Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel put on a determined show at their first autonomy negotia-tions Wednesday and Thursday to overcome obstacles to peace and take a fast track towards implementing Palestinian autonomy.

"We have achieved in a few hours what had not been achieved in Washington in two years," declared Nabil Shaath, Chief Palestinian negotiator, referring to the Middle East peace talks in the U.S. capital. "We arrived tense, but very

quickly reached agreement on all the technical subjects and the modalities of our work," echoed his Israeli counterpart General Amnon Shahak. Two days of talks at the

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Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba was enough to finalise an agenda for detailed negotiations, divided up between two working groups on security and civilian matters.

It was also agreed to set up a sub-committee on Palestinian prisoners, expelless and fugitives, issues of crucial and highly-emotional importance to the PLO, which is under heavy pressure to gain immediate concessions.

Israel had until now refused

it admits holding as well as the 2,700 people the PLO says have been expelled and the hundreds of wanted activists. Both sides took care to prevent the talks from bogging

down from the start. Dr. Shaath diplomatically allowed Israel to veto the presence in the negotiating room of Amin Al Hindi, the PLO security chief suspected of planning the 1972 Munich attack on Israeli Olympic

The PLO political adviser remained quiet about the previous life of Gen. Shahak, who reportedly took part in the assassination of three PLO leaders in Beirut in 1973 and in the killing of number two Abu Jihad in Tunis in 1988.

Dr. Shaath and Gen. Shahak were clearly angered when journalists tried repeatedly to bring up the subject. The makeup of the delega-

tion is not part of the negotiations," snapped Dr. Shaath as Gen. Shahak nodded in agree-

"Wrapping up the negotiations in two months so that the army withdraws according to the calendar: That's the priority of priorities," Dr. Shaath

Under the Sept. 13 auton-

start withdrawal on the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho by December 13, the deadline for the negotiators to reach an interim agreement for implementing all aspects of

Withdrawal is to be compieted by April 13. "We share the same strong determination to close our eves (to the past), but we are aware of the reasons why we are here," Gen. Shahak said.

The character of the two men, who addressed each other on first-name terms, played a strong part. "From the start, Nabil

Shaath's smile and the calm of Amnon Shahak warmed the atmosphere," said an Israeli delegate who asked not to be

"The presence of Amnon Shahak was a gift for the negotiations," Dr. Shaath enth-"He's a smart negotiator,"

the general said of Dr. Shaath, a personal adviser of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. They met with a handshake

and went off to meet alone every time a problem cropped up, even chatting over a wooden picnic table on the

It was all smiles in Cairo too,

where a PLO-Israel liaison committee to oversee implementation and settle disputes held a first session on Wednesday, the day the autonomy accord came into effect.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres waxed lyrical about a historic moment as he met PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas.

However, no one has been deceived into thinking the real negotiations which began in Taba on Wednesday will be all sweetness and light.

The negotiations are for the moment based on both parties own interests and not on confidence." Dr. Shaath

Indeed, the Israeli daily Hadashot warned against overoptimism: "Don't be fooled, e road is long.

'Red lines'

Israel's deputy foreign minister said Friday he doubted Palestinian leaders really expected Israel to take back refugees displaced when the Jewish state was created in

"I don't think the refugees of '48 or their leaders really believe there will be some sort (Continued on page 10)







Sharif Zeid's return to Royal Court seen as 'timely, politically significant'

Karaki to head Al al Bait; Yanal Hikmat named royal advisor; Udwan appointed tourism minister

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — In a top-level change widely viewed as "timely and especially significant," His Majesty King Hus-sein has appointed former Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker as chief of the Royal Court.

The appointment, which was accompanied by a minor reshuffle in ministerial ranks, was announced without fanfare on Thursday evening. But its significance goes beyond the fact that it is an in-house change at the Royal Court

It is true that His Majesty will be most comfortable working with a long-time friend and confidant as his top advisor," a well-informed source said.

"But the move is also politically significant in that Sharif Zaid will be bringing with him the experience and weight of a man who had just added to his record of long public service a two-year leadership of a parliamentary government," the

Sharif Zeid had occupied the job of Royal Court chief twice before — December 1988 to April 89 and December 89 to October 91.

He formed his first government in April 1989 — after Jordan declared its intention to move towards a multi-party system — and oversaw the first fair and free elections in the country since 1956. He took over the reigns of the executive authority again in October 1991 after a confrontation between the government and Parliament that resulted from nationalist east Jordanian and the Muslim Brotherhood deputies joining hands to call for the resignation of then Prime Minister Taher Al Masri. Sharif Zeid's second govern-

ment as a right-of-centre coalition which largely pacified the opposition on the left and right of the political spectrum. Sharif Zeid resigned his post

as premier in May of this year to pave the way for the present government of Dr. Abdul Salam Majali — which amended the electoral law from a bloc-voting system to a one-person, one-vote formula and is now preparing for the first multi-party elections in 37

Sharif Zeid's reentry into active politics with his weekend appointment to the

Royal Court comes at a time of crucial political developments both on the local front and in the region, analysts and obser-

His reengagement will also go a long way in underlining the King's commitment to "personally" ensure that the Nov. 8 national elections are held fairly and freely — a pledge His Majesty made in recent speeches and statements

to the press. Analysts believe that Sharif Zeid's combined experience as the premier who oversaw the 1989 national elections and success as head of a coalition government which brought the country out of a difficult economic situation and turbulent executive-legislative author-

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Electioneering gets into full gear

By Suhair Obeidat Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Nearly 500 people, including 44 women, have so far registered as candidates for the Nov. 8 elections and more are expected to follow today before the formal registration period of three days ends, officials said yesterday. As potential candidates lined up at registration centres with a host of documents that

are prerequisites, their supporters were busy seeking empty slots in the Amman skyline for banners and posters screaming themes ranging from "Jihad for liberation," to "Women's rights are supreme," to "Democracy and human

The banners and posters started joing up as of midnight Wednesday, heralding the first day of electioneering, with many candidates and supporters seen on Amman streets jostling for "strategic" locations to let the voters know what they stood for.

Ministry of Interior officials said that by the time office hours ended Thursday, 446 aspirants had put down their names as candidates for the elections; 142 of them for the 16 seats from Amman and the rest from the Kingdom's seven other governorates and the

Another 50 filed their seats. nominations Friday, the

cials said. They said the total number of registered voters was 1,461,184 out of the country's total population of nearly four million. The figures compare with 1,020, 446 registered voters in 1989 out of a population of slightly three and a half million.

According to the Election Law, governorates divided into constituencies (electoral dis-Amman Governorate com-

prises of six districts with the following seat allocations: First District — three Mus-lim seats; Second District three Muslim seats; Third District - four Muslim seats; one of which is for Circassians and Chechens, and one Christian seat; Fourth District - two Muslim seats; Fifth District five Muslim seats, one of which is for Circassians and

Muslim seats and one Christ-Irbid governorate is also di-vided into five regions: Irbid City — eight Muslim seats and one Christian; Ajloun — two Muslim seats; one Christian; Ramtha and Bani Kenanah — three Muslim

seats; Al Koura and northern

Chechens; Sixth district — two

Jordan Valley — two Muslim candidates, even those running

Al Balqa' has six Muslim seats and two Christians seats; Karak Governorate has seven Muslim and two Christian seats: Ma'an Governorate has five Muslim seats. Zarqa Governorate has five

Muslim seats, one of which is for Circassians and Chechens and one Christian seat; Mafraq Governorate and Tafileh Governorate has three Muslim seats each.

The badia region: Northern badia — two Muslim seats; Central badia two Muslim seats and Southern badia two Muslim seats. As opposed to the 1989 elections, when voters could vote for as many candidates as there are seats in the district, the introduction of the one-man, one-vote amendment by a Royal Decree on Aug. 17 will make it harder for candidates who would be fighting tooth and nail for as much votes as possible.

While some political parties have announced lists of candidates who would be running on a political slate, others said that their members were running on an individual basis, with the support and backing of the party.
"Individual weight and tribal

affiliations were the dominating elements in the choice of on a political slate," said Anis Mu'asher, a member of the unionist Arab Democratic Par-

ty, Al-Wa'ed (the promise).
The powerful Islamic Action Front, the political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, locked horns with the authorities immediately after the door was opened for accepting nomina-

The first dispute was over a precondition that every candidate undertake in writing that he or she would confine their electioneering to the respec-

"This is undemocratic," asserted Sheikh Abdul Mun'em Abu Zant, a fier orator and former member of parliament who is seeking reelection on the IAF's, "Islam is the

While this slogan was pre-dominant during the 1989 elec-tions, in addition to promises to "wipe out Jordan's foreign debts" and "stamp out unem-ployment," an early reading of the campaigns indicates a shift in emphasis to the unity of Jordanians "regardless of their origins" and the peace and democratisation processes.

Getting an early start in more ways than one appeared to have been on the mind of

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Israeli troops kill Gazan

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) - Soldiers who opened fire to try to halt a car on the Gaza Strip, missed and shot a passerby through the head killing him on the spot, Palestinian sources said Friday.

An army patrol had ordered the suspect vehicle to stop, but it drove off through the re-fugee camp at Rafah, which borders Egypt. A single stray bullet hit Anwar Nasser, 20, who was

walking along the road. He was the 1,051st Palestinian to die from Israeli bullets

since the intifada began in December 1987, according to an AFP toll. At Nusseirat camp, also on the Gaza Strip, officials of Fatch, Yasser Arafat's group, were investigating the brutal murder of one of their mem-

bers, a correspondent reported. The corpse of Nabii Juda 24, with multiple stab wounds. was found Friday at Nusseirat, three days after he was kidnap-

ped by masked men. A hand-written letter by the body, in the name of the armed wing of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, which bitterly opposes autonomy, alleged that Juda collaborated

with Israel. Several hundred people gathered at the home of Juda, whose wife is pregnant with their third child, demanding that Hamas be brought to account for killing a "decent man.'

The hardline Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which opposes the autonomy deal, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement from Damascus.

Security chiefs welcome King's address, reaffirm allegiance

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has received pledges from the heads of the General Intelligence and Public Security departments as well as the speaker of the Upper House of Parliament expressing allegiance to the Hashemite throne and support for the King's policies on the

local and international levels. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lieutenant-General Hafez Mirai voiced his appreciation and that of the Jordanian army for the King's nationwide speech delivered

on Tuesday.
In a cable to King Hussein
Lt. Gen. Mirai reaffirmed
the Armed Forces loyalty and allegiance to King Hussein and stressed that the Armed Forces "will continue to safeguard the homeland, protect its security and stability and prevent any attempt to tamper with Jordan's national

unity, its pride or to threaten

its achievements.
"Lt. Gen. Mirai also re-

viewed the role of the Hashemites in uniting the Arab Nation and their efforts to ensure Arab independence from foreign domination. He recalled the continuous efforts made by the late Sharif

Hussein Ben Ali and the late King Abdullah Ben Al Hussein to unite the Arabs and cited the unification by the late King Abdullah of the East and West Bailts as a model of Arab Unity, which the Hashemite leaders have always sought to achieve.

Lieutenant-General Mustafa Al Qaisi, head of the General Intelligence Department (GID), pledged that his men hoped to continue to be guided would serve the nation.

by the King's directives and Referring to King Hussein's nationwide address on Tuesday in which he paid tribute to

the security forces, Gen. Qaisi

said: "The department will work day and night to serve the nation undaunted by any

rumours by certain quarters." The King said in his speech that he would not tolerate any rumour-mongering and vili-fication of the Kingdom's security forces. "We shall not act leniently towards anyone who indulges in such actions," he warned.

Gen. Qaisi said in his case: We are working for the sake of our people and for the future generations, drawing on our leaders resolve and wis-dom and acting in a manner that would please God for the benefit of the nation."

He said that the GID personnel will remain faithful to their leader and monarch and pledge to offer all possible sacrifices for that end. Public Security Department (PSD) Director Abdul Rah-

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Ghali: U.N. will have to decide about Aideed

🖷 DЛВОЦТІ (АГР) — U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said Friday that it was for the U.N. Security Council to decide on further moves regarding Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, wanted for killing U.N. troops.

Dr. Ghali told a brief press

conference here after he met his main aides responsible for Somalia that he favoured efforts to "reconcile the different Somali factions." The U.S. chief executive had talks with his special repre-sentative in Somalia, U.S. retired Admiral Jonathan Howe,

and two U.N. under-

secretaries, Kofi Annan, in charge of peacekeeping operations, and James Jonah, responsible for political affairs. Somali factions should themselves find a solution to the partition of their country. The north, bordering on Djibouti and formerly British-ruled unlike the capital and the south,

has declared itself independent

But the move, which came amid clan strife after General Aideed ousted Former President Mohammad Siad Barre in January 1991, has not been internationally recognised. The remainder of Somalia was once an Italian colony. The U.N. Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) has

been seeking Gen. Aideed since his militiamen on June 5 massacred 24 Pakistani troops in an ambush in the Somali capital Mogadishu. No statement was issued after Friday's talks and officials

refused to comment after the

closed-door meeting at offices

of the U.N. Development

Programme. But the meeting followed speculation that the senior U.N. staff would discuss reshaping U.N. policy in Somalia following U.S. President Bill Clinton's shift away from trying to arrest Gen. took the blame for failing to Aideed and towards a peaceful send armour to U.S. troops in

Gen. Aideed on Thursday had his supporters release a wounded U.S. helicopter pilot captured in a fierce battle on Oct. 3 between mainly U.S. troops and his militiamen. They also freed a Nigerian U.N. soldier captured in September. U.S. public opinion was

shocked by the sight of Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant's bruised face on television after the battle, in which 18 U.S. troops serving with U.N. forces and an estimated 200 Somalis were killed. Mr. Clinton later announced

that U.S. troops would leave

Somalia by the end of March and his administration said it wanted to "depersonalise" the line against Gen. Aideed and aim for a political settlement in Somalia. In Washington, President Bill Clinton said Friday he

Somalia before the firefight. "I think that when young Americans are in peril, ultimately the president has to bear that responsibility," Mr. Clinton told a news conference with vistiting Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller. "I know of no reason why anyone but me should bear the responsibility for that."

Aspin has come under fire for rebuffing a request by the U.S. military command in Mogadishu for more armour. Mr. Aspin said he was told the equipment was for offensive purposes, not defensive.

Defence Secretary Les

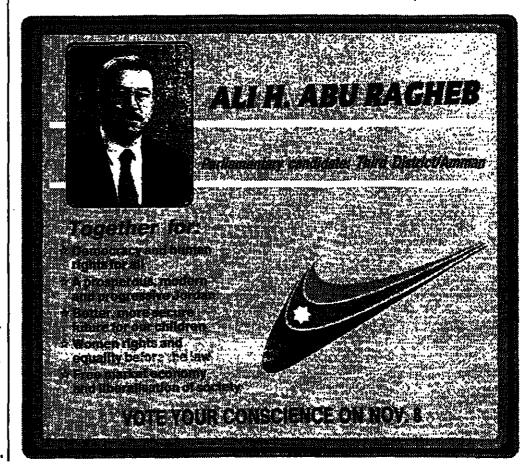
and that he believed it would send a wrong signal at a time when the United States was trying to reduce its role there. American soldiers patrolled the tense, rubble-strewn streets of Mogadishu Friday. Mogadishu has enjoyed six

days of relative calm since

Gen. Aideed announced a

Fatch had sent a letter to Hamas demanding an explanation, Palestinian sources said. Meanwhile at Hebron on the West Bank a Palestinian stabbed a student in the neck, igniting clashes between settlers and Arabs which left a Palestinian woman and an. Israeli woman lightiy hurt.

The DFLP opposes the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) autonomy accord.



grdanian, Palestinian officials affirm commitment to peace

WASHINGTON (USIA) -The Jordanian ambassador to the United States reaffirmed his country's commitment to Middle East peace and urged donor countries and organisations to resume the aid to Jordan that has either declined or ceased in recent years.

Jordan has fulfilled its obligations to the region, "but the world has not addressed the suffering of the Jordanian people," Ambassador Fayez Tarawneh said during seminar sponsored by Americans for Peace Now Wednesday.

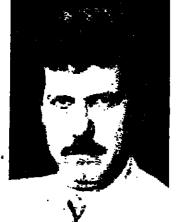
Mustafa Barghouthi, a West Bank physician and Palestinian delegate to the peace talks. also addressed the seminar and stressed that his people con-tinue to hope for the establishment of an independent state

Making the case for Jordan as a strategic, stabilising factor in the Middle East, Ambassador Tarawneh listed some of his country's contributions to peacemaking in the region.

Jordan was, he said, the first Arab state to support U.N. Resolution 242 and has backed "all serious initiatives" for peace - including last month's Israel-PLO agreement which "took most of the world by surprise.

Jordan was the only country holding bilateral peace talks with Israel while also participating in the donors' conference for Palestinian development. It was just a day after the signing of the Israel-PLO accord, Dr. Tarawneh added, that Jordan agreed on an agenda for future negotiations with

Meanwhile, Jordan finds itself in severe financial straits. Almost half of Jordan's polutation of four million — 1.7 million are displaced Palestinians. And except for 280,000 who still live in camps, all of these



efugees have been settled by Jordan without significant outside help and at "a very, very heavy financial cost," Dr. heavy financial cost," Tarawneh said.

Jordan's finances deteriorated during and after the Gulf crisis, when it did not join the coalition against Iraq. By the close of 1992, Jordan had lost a total of about \$9,000 million in trade and financial assistance, the ambassador said. When coupled with Jordan's existing \$7,000 million external debt, he added, "one can see the grave situation we face."

Arab aid to Jordan "declined sharply" in the mid-1980s and stopped completely during the Gulf crisis, he explained, and U.S. aid to Jordan fell from \$100 million annually in the late 1980s to \$19 milion in 1994.

'It is high time for the world to pay attention to our suffer-ing," Ambassador Tarawneh declared.

Turning to the peace process, he stressed the importance of even-handedness and comprehensiveness. He urged a

greater emphasis on the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks, and more attention to the economic and development problems that will rise to the forefront in the "post-peace" period.

"Piecemeal solutions will never lead to peace," Dr. Tarawneh said. "The ultimate objective is security, and peace is the real buffer against insecurity."

He suggested that the status of Jerusalem — "one of the most complicated issues in the entire process" — ought to be the subject of a separate multilateral working group. Asked if Jordan felt

threatened by the emergence of the PLO as a negotiating partner acceptable to Israel, Dr. Tarawneh responded that Jordan endorses the idea of an independent Palestinian delegation to the peace talks. He added that the confluence of Jordanian and Palestinian interests in the West Bank and elsewhere will require much cooperation and coordination between the two.

In response to another question, Dr. Tarawneh underlined that Jordan's "identity" would survive the etablishment of an independent Palestinian state. "Jordan is not Palestine," he said. "The line of definition is very clear." While Palestinians in Jordan are not allowed dual citizenship, Dr. Tarawneh said that such a provision could conceivably be part of a final peace settlement.

He also told the gathering that other options remain on the table, including a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation or Palestinian autonomy within Israel. "We just don't know yet" what the final solution will be, he said.

Taking a different view. Palestinian peace delegate Barghouthi made clear that the

EC wants Mideast common Israeli-PLO agreement repremarket sents "the beginning of an in-dependent Palestinian state."

BRUSSELS (R) - The Euro-Just as Palestinians "try to pean Community (EC) wants understand the special sensitiv-Israel, the Palestinians and ity on the side of Israel to the other Arabs to create a common market to underpin peace, Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes said after meeting Yasser Arafat on Thurs-

On his return home, Mr. Claes said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman would visit Brussels next month.

No specific dates were given for security reasons but Mr. Arafat is expected between Nov. 8 and 9.

The PLO leader's reaction to the idea was "very positive," Mr. Claes, whose country now holds the rotating EC presidency, told reporters.

"But you can't do it between only two (the Palestinians and the Israelis). You need also Jordan and Egypt, and tomor-row Syria and Lebanon," he said.

"The more you push economic cooperation, the more you get political stability. That's why we push so strongly for the establishment of an economic community in this area of the Middle East.

Mr. Claes said he had a very constructive meeting with Mr. Arafat and they discussed the need to set up a Palestinian agency to handle international funding for the territories. .

At an international conference of donors in Washington on Oct. 1 the EC pledged \$500 million for the next five years to put the self-rule agreement into effect.

Mr. Claes told a news conference in Brussels he expected a group of PLO experts to visit the Belgian capital over the next few weeks to discuss how to implement the results of the Washington conference.

"Mr. Arafat said it must be shown the accords have specific advantages for the Palestinian population. For that reason, there must be concrete results on the ground," Mr. Claes said.

The minister said that overall, Mr. Arafat was optimistic about the accord, but that he had said it would take some time to reach agreement with Syria.



No separate peace with Israel, Hariri reaffirms

PARIS (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri rejected the prospect of signing a separate peace agreement with Israel.

"The best way to consolidate peace is to associate all parties with it ...Lebanon will not sign a separate peace treaty with Israel," Mr. Hariri told guests at a banquet on his first day of a five-day visit to France.

He was responding to French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur who had urged him to join current Middle East peace moves, saying this would help restore sovereignty in areas controlled by Israeli troops.

But Mr. Baliadur also told

the Damascus-allied Hariri that Paris wanted to see the departure of Syrian troops who provide muscle for the Lebanese government.

"Lebanon, where so many Palestinians found refuge, must participate in this peace taking form under our very eyes and can thus fully recover its sovereignty," Mr. Balladur said at the banquet given in

Mr. Hariri's honour.
"We hope the Israeli gov. ernment will find together with you ...ways of enacting U.N.

Security Council Resolution 425 (calling for Israeli withdrawal and peace in border

Mr. Balladur said Paris was ready to help with international guarantees which each side might desire and which could allow "such and accord to be reached," Mr. Balladur said. Referring to Syrian forces, Mr. Balladur said: "The return

of prosperity should allow the full application of the Taif accords and reaffirm Lebanon's role on the international scene," the Taif accords brokered in Saudi Arabia in 1989 called for a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon.

The banquet was preceded by the signing of a cooperation agreement covering political, economic, financial, cultural and security cooperation. France has doubled its aid to Lebanon to 166 million francs (\$30 million) this year.

Mr. Hariri earlier met President Francois Mitterrand and said they had "excellent" talks. "It was an excellent meeting and we spoke of all the problems affecting Lebanon." Mr. Hariri said after the 40-minute session at the Elysee presiden-

tial palace.

"To get Lebanon back on its feet both economically and politically, we need the help of all friendly countries, notably France which has always played an important role in Lebanon." Mr. Hariri told the French economic daily La Tribune desfosses.

French officials said Paris was keen to help rebuild both: Lebanon's infrastructure and its security forces but would stress Lebanese political independence, and apparent reference to French concern over Syrian domination. This visit will make it possi-

ble to demonstrate France's attachment to Lebanon and reaffirm our concern for the independence and territorial; integrity of this friendly coun-: try," foreign ministry spokes-man Richard Duque said.

Asked whether the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement had not relegated Lebanon to the periphery of regional con-cerns, the prime minister said: No. because for peace to be effective, it must necessarily; include Lebanon and Syria. The PLO-Israel agreement is only a first stage. It can only be viable if the (peace) process; continues," he said.

Peace Now outlines next steps for peace WASHINGTON — (USIA)

 American Jews who have long advocated a dialogue with the Palestinians met here Wednesday to outline a strategy of support for the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord. Americans for Peace Now (APN), a grassroots organisation affiliated with the Peace Now movement in Israel, sponsored a seminar to review the impact of the accord on Israel and the Palestinians, the peace process, and the Amer-

An important element of APN's strategy is strengthening the already existing support for the accord within the Jew ish community, APN officials

ican Jewish community. The

seminar concluded with APN

and Peace Now representatives

outlining their strategies for

"The support is vast but fragile," Shifra Bronznick, chair of APN's executive committee, said. "People who favour the accord now may waver when the going gets tough," she warned.
APN's efforts, therefore, are

"focused on reaching out to organise those in the Jewish community who basically support the peace process." These efforts aim to "take the accord's sympathizers and mold them inot knowledgeable advocates all across the country," Ms. Bronznick said.

APN "is working in cooperation with other Jewish groups to inform and educate the vast number of Jews in the middle, and to shore up those who are most likely to react to

shifting events by shifting their positions," she said.

APN has joined members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations on a task force to develop "an education and outreach campaign targeted to national and local Jewish organisations across the country," Ms. Bronznick reported.

Another aspect of APN's strategy "is to make sure that the transitional arrangements work towards a comprehensive agreement," Gail Pressberg, executive director of APN,

To that end, APN must tackle issues thought by many to be irresolvable, such as the question of Jerusalem, "and transform them into possibilities," Mr. Pressberg said. Part of this effort will include inviting experts from the region to speak to Jewish audiences and meet with members of Congress, she added.

Cooperation with Arab Americans on these difficult issues will make up "the heart" of this effort, Mr. Pressberg

While Americans for Peace Now is working to foster support for the peace process in the United States, the Peace Now movement in Israel is working for the same goal in the region, Galia Golan, a leader of the movement, said.

Ms. Golan said Peace Now's first task is to strengthen support for the accord and reach out "to those who may be sceptical," not only in Israel, but also in the Palestinian community and abroad, she said.

Leaders want Arab and African troops for Somalia

CAIRO (R) - U.N.Secretary-Genéral Boutros Ghali and heads of Arab, African and Islamic groups appealed on Thursday for Arab and African countries to contribute troops to

They also urged Arab, African and Islamic countries to give generously to an emergency fund to rebuild the country, which has been tormented by civil war and famine since President Mohammad Siad Barre was overthrown in January 1991.

The call came in a joint statement issued at the end of talks between Dr. Ghali, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), and the secretaries-general of the OAU, the Arab League and the Organisation of the Islamic

Conference (OIC). "We appeal especially to the members of the OAU, League of Arab states, and OIC to contribute the troops and resources that are needed for UNOSOM II to successfully carry out its mission." the

UNOSOM II is the 29,000strong United Nations force in

"We call for the setting up of a special fund for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Somalia, and urge all countries of Africa, the Arab World, and the Islamic community to contribute generously to its establishment and operation," the statement said.

The need to bring African and Islamic leaders in to the peace process became imperative after president Bill Clinton announced that all U.S. troops would leave Somalia by March

question of security, I think

also the Israelis have to try to

understand our special sensi-

tivity to the question — and the need — of achieving real

freedom and the full exercise

of our rights to self-

Among Palestinians there is

growing enthusiasm and in-

terest in the peace process, Dr.

Barghouthi reported. "This is

one of the major achievements

of this agreement," he said.
"People are out of the state of

depression; people are out of

their feeling of frustration ab-

But he also emphasised that

the Israel-PLO agreement is

"only a beginning" and that

tremendous logistical, di-

plomatic and economic prob-

lems will have to be overcome.

challenges, he said, is that of

creating governing institutions

that are accountable to the

people. Dr. Barghouthi sug-

gested that economic and poli-

tical issues are so interwined

that real development "is un-

achievable, unless we resolve

the ...question of how to move

"Life has shown us in many

other places that economic

growth alone is not enough to

sustain peace and security," he

Dr. Barghouthi also said

that he would favour the parti-

cipation of fundamentalist

groups such as Hamas in the

democratic process, arguing that extremism is largely a pro-duct of the absence of demo-

cracy, development and peace.

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U.N. officials fear the U.S. withdrawal will start a chain reaction among other contributors to the peacekeeping force, which has been locked in a bloody struggle with a Somali faction led by former General Mohammad Farah Aideed.

U.N. officials told reporters earlier this week that Dr. Ghali's goal was to get a sustainable process of reconciliation started by March 31 and continue the mission with a smaller, mainly African, peacekeeping force.

A diplomat said he believe Egypt had aiready volunteered troops, providing the United Nations paid for them. The joint statement invited

all Somali factions to cooperate in finding a solution to the country's problems and asked Ethiopian President Meles Zenawi to continue his peace

It offered "our deepest condolences" to the families of peacekeepers killed in Somalia, most of whom have died in the battles with Gen. Aideed's

More than 70 U.N. peacekeepers have been killed since June. Aid workers estimate that hundreds of Somalis have been killed in the fighting, many of them civilians. A paragraph added at the last moment: "We equally convoy our deepest condolences to the Somali

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people as a whole."

Russian objections delay Libya vote the freezing of all current assets would make it impossi-UNITED NATIONS (R) — A Security Council vote tightenble for Libya to repay Moscow ing sanctions against Libya is more than \$4 billion in debts

not expected until next week following objections from Russia that might entail some revisions of the draft, diplomats The United States, Britain

and France had thought they could adopt the new measures this week after it became clear two Libyan suspects accused of blowing up a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people, would not surrender for trial in Britain or the United States.

said.

The new measures are meant to pressure Libya into handing over two suspects for trial in Scotland or the United States and meeting a French magistrate's demands in a separate investigation of a 1989 UTA airliner bombing over Niger in which 171 people

The draft resolution bans the sale to Libya of equipment used in oil refineries and transport and freezes financial assets abroad. But oil drilling equipment and sales, Libya's lifeline, are excluded from the resolution as well as money earned from oil products after the resolution is adopted. But Russia has argued that for a variety of goods and

Russian officials contended that the resolution took care not to ban oil so Germany, Italy and other countries would not suffer without considering the Russian debt.

Diplomats said they waited most of the week for aides to Secretary of State Warren Christopher to contact the Russian Foreign Ministry. They said messages were ex-changed on Wednesday, apparently without progress.

Consequently, the resolution may be amended to allow Moscow to draw on some of the frozen assets. While the United States.

Britain and France say they have the required nine votes to adopt the resolution in the 15-member council, they hesitate doing so without Russia's support, fearing it would signal divided council. All four countries are

permanent council members with veto power. China, also a permanent member, is expected to abstain. A 1992 resolution imposing

an arms, air and diplomatic

approved by only 10 votes. The two Libyans, Abdul Baset Ali Al Megrahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, have been indicted in the United

States and Britain on charges

of planting the bomb that blew

up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie on Dec. 21, 1988. The State Department has received a letter from one of the lawyers representing the Libyan suspects, a U.S. official

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, declined to discuss the substance of the letter, except to say that it contained nothing that was, open to negotiation.

The letter was from Frank Rubino, one of the lawyers representing the two Libyans, the U.S. officials said At the United Nations.

Security Council sources said the letter apparently did not contain a definite time and date for the handover of the Libyans to U.S. or British au-Libya has said the two could

stand trial in Scotland if they agreed. But a team of international lawyers advised against it, saying that pre-trial publicity in the United States and Scotland was prejudicial to-

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Thai businessman held The owner of a Thai engineering firm has been arrested on charges of illegally sending Thai workers to Libya to build chemical weapons facilities. Police said Friday.

Viroj Sakulmutita was arrested Thursday at his company in the northern city of Chiang Mai, police added. The businessman, 38, had admitted his firm, W and M Company, had a contract to

build underground bomb shetters in Libya but denied he had sent Thai workers there without official permission; the Bangkok Post reported: Mr. Viroj told police some 60 Thais were working for him in Libya but they had been sent there by other companies. He denied breaking any

Thai law in designing and constructing the underground bomb shelters in Libya. U.S. intelligence had informed the Thai Foreign Ministry that the underground shelters were in fact being used

by Libya as chemical weapons plants, the Post said. Mr. Viroj responded that it was not his concern how Libya used the bunkers after his firm had built them, the paper

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ministry floats prices

AMMAN (Perra) — Minister of Supply Radi Ibrahim Thursday said the government decided to float the prices of some food nems in order to create competition among importers that would eventually lead to reduced prices. Floated items include natural juices, pasteurised milk, sliced cheese and vegetable oil. The minister said the decision is in line with government policies that aim to attract more investments and create new jobs.

British official arrives today

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AMMAN (Petra) — The head of the Middle East and North Africa desk at the British Foreign Office arrives here today on a three day visit to Jordan for talks with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan on regional and international issues as well as on bilateral relations.

Jordan to attend Cairo meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a four-day meeting of an Arab transport expert committee in charge of finalising work on a standard Arab trip ticket and land and railroad transport. The meeting will be held in Cairo from Oct. 16 to Oct. 20 Jordan delegation includes officials from the Ministry of Transport.

Atomic technology meeting starts Monday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Monday start a 10-day meeting and regional workshop on the uses of nuclear technology. Taking part in the meeting will be representatives of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Syria and Qatar.

WHAT'S GOING ON

- The Petra Exhibition a presentation of the activities of Jordanian and international institutions involved in archaeological, ethnographic and environmental research in the Petra region at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by late cartoonist Naji Al Ali at the Pakistani Universities Alumni Club in Jabal Amman.
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- ★ Exhibition of handicrafts at Abu Jaber estate, Yadoudeh (next to Kan Zaman).
- ☆ Art exhibition by artists Mahmoud Taha and Salman Abbas at Ab'aad Art Gallery.
- ➤ Photo exhibition displaying pictures from Jordan and Syria by German artist J. Swakowski at the Goethe Institute.

 ➤ Art exhibition by Mrs. Lucy Marto, Janine Saaf, and Tete Wegelius at the Royal Cultural Centre.
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 Art exhibition by artist Ali Talib at the Balka'a Art Gallery in Al Fuheis.
- * Art exhibition by artists Dr. Ala Bashir and Sa'di Abbas at the Alia Art Gallery.
- * Art exhibition by artist Makmoud Al-Ubedi at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Art exhibition by artist Ali Al Mi'mar at the Orfali Art Gallery. Telephone 826932.
- Exhibition of etchings by Mohammad Omar Khalil at Darat Al Funum of the Abdul Hamid Shouian Foundation in Jabal Luweibideh. Also showing the permanent exhibition. Telephone 643251/2.

FILMS

Film entitled "Aufruhr im Fchlaraffenland" at the Goethe Institut at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

'Harvesting Nature's Diversity'

FAO marks World Food Day

By Kathrine Rath Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "Harvesting Nature's Diversity" is the theme chosen by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) for the World Food Day 1993, which will be celebrated on Oct. 16. (See related story on page 5)

The World Food Day (WFD) was instituted by FAO member states at a conference of the organisation in November 1979. It has since 1981 been observed annually in more than 150 countries. The date marks the anniversary of FAO's founding on Oct. 16,

1945.

WFD 1993 will focus on biodiversity — the multifariousness of animal and plant life on earth — and its importance to humanity and food

security.

Industrialisation and commercialisation have led to the replacement of traditional crops and animal breeds by new ones, which have been considered better suited for modern agricultural production, thus threatening the globe's biodiversity and causing a loss of irretrievable genetic material.

According to FAO estimates, 75 per cent of the genetic diversity of agricultural crops has been lost since the beginning of this century. While thousands of plants are edible, only nine — wheat, rice, maize, barley, sorghum/millet, potato, sweet potatoyam, sugar cane and soybean — account for three quarters of the plant Kingdom's contribution to the human diet.

The preservation of genetic resources is considered by FAO as being of utmost importance to world agriculture and the evolution of new strains. The WFD 1993 aims at increasing awareness of the threat to biodiversity and to mobilise action to conserve the genetic heritage.

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The international distribution of genetic material is uneven. Generally, the develop-



Wheat is one of nine edible plants that account for 75 per cent of the plant Kingdom's contribution to the human diet

ing world is much richer in genetic resources than the developed part of the world. According to FAO, about 50 per cent of all species is to be found in tropical forests, which covers only seven per cent of the Earth's surface.

But, while relatively poor in genetic resources, the developed world has the technology and financial means to exploit these resources. The commercialisation of plant breeding in the Western world has brought to the fore questions of control, ownership and access to genetic diversity. The concept of farmers' rights has been developed by FAO in recognition to the availability of biodiversity, and to reward them for their efforts.

FAO's main objective is to combat hunger, malnutrition and poverty through the promotion of sustainable agriculture and rural development, and the establishment of a sense of solidarity between the haves and have-nots.

The celebration in Jordan of the WFD 1993, which is organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, will concentrate on these basic goals. A speech by the Minister of Agriculture Marwan Kamal will be transmitted by Jordan Television Saturday. According to the Director of the Highland Development Project at the Ministry of Agriculture, Jihad Abu Mushrif, Dr. Kamal will talk about food policies in Jordan and ongoing projects to increase food productivity in the Kingdom.

According to Mr. Abu Mushrif, the highland development plan is the largest agricultural project in the country. It aims at increasing the productivity of the highland areas by supporting and subsidising the farmers. Since its start in 1964, 500,000 dunums have been reclaimed and planted, mainly with fruit trees, Mr. Abu Mushrif said.

A newly initiated part of the project — Expansion No. 4 — aims at cultivating another 150,000 dunums by 1995-96. According to Mr. Abu Mushrif, the highland project is financially supported by the World Food Programme (WFP), which has close links with FAO.....

The Ministry of Agriculture will also mark WFD by distributing pamphlets informing the public about Jordan's policy and agricultural development projects.

Minister urges support for environment protection efforts

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment will forcefully implement the new draft law on the environment when it is signed into law, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mohammad Mahdi Farhan, has said.

In a statement issued Thursday in observance of the Arab Environment Day, Dr. Farhan said that the new draft law was derived from the National Strategy on the Environment which was approved last year.

Noting that the Ministry had prepared the strategy in cooperation with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the minister said that the strategy provides for guidelines for the sound utilisation of natural resources and at the same time conserving the natural environmental balance.

Jordan, he said, faces the

problems of desertification, vast expansion in construction, deterioration of the soil resulting from the excessive use of fertilisers, depletion of water resources due to the pressure of the rapid population growth and the waves of migrants as well as pollution resulting from improper sanitation.

Urging Jordanians to help the ministry to carry out its programmes, the minister said that protection of the environment in Jordan has become a national duty for every citizen so that the society as a whole can reap the benefits of a healthy environment.

The Department of the Environment established in 1980, has been striving in cooperation with local, regional and international organisations to safeguard the environment as a contribution towards the protection of the planet Earth and

problems of desertification, the preservation of natural revast expansion in construction, sources, said Dr. Farhan.

He said the major activities of the department include a drive to reduce "the damaging effects" of the cement dust rising from the cement industry and the pollution caused by the process of refining crude oil at the Jordan Petroleum Refinery company in Zerqa, added the minister.

"Indeed, it is not a matter of observing one day of the year but rather every day that passes should be an occasion for Jordanians to protect their en-

vironment," he urged.

The Minister said the ministry has prepared a week-long programme of activities designed to spread awareness among the public as to ways of protecting the environment and to ensure participation by various sectors in the effort to fight pollution.

U.N. meeting debates rural development

AMMAN (J.T.) — A five-day meeting held to discuss and assess policies and programmes for rural development in the countries of western Asian region ended in Amman Thursday with a call on the United Nations to carry out a pilot project in rural development to serve as an example for the countries of the region.

The meeting, organised by the United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), was called to allow experts representing 13 ESCWA member states to study and adopt recommendations regarding rural development and initiate coordination and cooperation between the member states in

this field.

Summing up their deliberations at the Amman Philadelphia Hotel, the 22 experts from countries taking part in the meeting urged FAO and ESCWA. to implement the pilot schieme on rural development in any member of the ESCWA nations so that it would serve as a model for the others to copy.

Civil Aviation Authority seeks new air transport deals

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is holding contacts with Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam to conclude air transport agreements, probably in 1994, according to a CAA statement. Issued on the eve of the

Issued on the eve of the CAA's observance of the 50th anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAA) which falls today (Saturday), the statement said in 1992, the CAA concluded air transport agreements with Australia, China, Poland, Bulgaria, Okrania, Azerbeijan and Armenia, raising to 56 the total number of such agreements the authority has concluded to date with other na-

The CAA has signed the various ICAO agreements governing air transport and the Montreal Protocol of 1984. It continually participates in the various international meetings to discuss improvements in air

transport, said the statement. On the Arab level, the statement said that Jordan was among the first Arab countries to sign agreements to promote air transport services and ensure air travel safety. The CAA, added the statement, continues to coordinate with the various Arab civil aviation authorities and to seek unification of legislations and measures aiming at facilitating air travel in the Arab World.

The Montreal-based ICAO aims to develop the techniques of international air navigation and to help in the planning and improvement of international air transport.

The ICAO is governed by a general assembly of the member states, considered as the legislative body, which approves the budgets and determines the members' contributions. It meets every three years.

Malhas, Abraham discuss cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas Thursday received the resident representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Jordan Sarajini Abraham and discussed with her means of further developing health cooperation between the fund and the ministry.



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Special city deserves special attention

THERE APPEARS to be a multi-state and a multi-religion interest in the future of Jerusalem especially in the wake of the PLO-Israel accord last month. On top is a special Jordanian concern about the Holy City, which is only natural and logical in view of our long-standing relationship with Palestine and the Islamic shrines in particular.

La contrast, the concern of the international community for Jerusalem has always been low key and took expression in only refusing to recognise the Israeli annexation of east Jerusalem after the 1967 war. Practically all the countries of the world have also refrained from establishing their embassies in the city even though Israel insisted that Jerusalem is its official capital. Beyond formal protestations, however, the comity of nations did very little on behalf of Jerusalem. This muted interest in fact goes back to the beginning of the British mandate era in Palestine back in 1917, when most nations of the world stoically accepted the British fait accompli. This decade-long neglect of the Holy City continued throughout the Israeli occupation and annexation of the Arab side of Jerusalem, never to be jolted into action until Amman started to assert the need to address the issue on the heels of the Palestinian-Israeli deal. Even the Vatican has been reported to be considering establishing diplomatic relations with Israel without awaiting a final resolution to the conflict over Jerusalem. Against this background it would seem necesry to convene a truly international conference to gauge the depth and magnitude of the international concern about Jerusalem.

On the face of things, the international profile is anything but comforting. There are few states voicing an interest to play a role in the determination of the future of the city. The convening of an international forum stands to spur the countries of the world into a more effective and meaningful action. Jordan may take an initiative in this vein with a view to galvanising a true awakening to what is at stake in the shrines which are holy to the three monotheistic religions. Without such a step, Jordan would remain a lone voice amidst silent governments of the world especially those whose people belong to one of those religions. By holding such a global meeting, Jordan's and the Arab and Muslim worlds' concern for the city and its future could be better presented and an international solution to the status of the city could be reached.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

IN THE course of preparations for the Nov. 8 elections, the process of registration for the candidates running for parliamentary seats has begun and lasts until Saturday, said Sawt Al Shaab daily. Observers believe that Jordan will witness a heated election campaign, with the candidates trying to win the favour of the electorate by all possible means, said the daily. But, it said, in the midst of this fever, it is hoped that the candidates and their supporters would not resort to any moves that would vilify other candidates or violate the Jordanian laws so that the democratic image of our country can be safeguarded. Candidates and voters alike should realise that the coming stage in Jordan's history is of paramount importance. requiring responsible people to sit in Parliament and handle political and economic issues, said the daily. The coming Parliament will shoulder very serious responsibilities at this stage and in light of rapid-moving developments in our region, but, the paper said, the voters shoulder a greater responsibility because it is they who decide who will handle their affairs for the coming four years. The paper said that not only are the candidates required to declare their future programmes, they should also put their ideas into practice and place national interests above all other considerations.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour said that King Hussein's nationwide speech this week serve as a code of honour and charter for the Jordanian people's political, social and economic policies. Each and every Jordanian, said Saleh Al Qallab, ought to fully understand the King's ideas and words and comply with the Monarch's directives which covered all domestic and pan-Arab issues. Referring to the clause in which the King stresses the national unity, the writer said that the Monarch's speech made it clear that all Jordanian citizens, regardless of their origins and religion, are equal before the law, have duties for their country and are eligible to participate in the coming elections on equal basis. Voicing support for the King's backing for the Palestinian leadership, the writer said that Jordan can only stand by the Palestinian leadership, the writer said that Jordan can only stand by the Palestinians, offering them all the help they can get to regain their homeland and establish their state in Palestine. He said that the Jordanian people should respond favourably and stre de to the King's call to take part in the coming elections and eject those who can preserve national unity and place the national interests above their own.

Jordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

The Hashemites are intrinsically linked with Jerusalem

AS IT appeared that the pieces were slowly fitting into their places in the quest for a just, comprehensive peace that will, hopefully, address the fundamental points of conflict in the Middle East, it was very disturbing for Jordan to see the Israeli Supreme Court upholding an earlier ruling on the Jewish state's "absolute authority" over holy shrines in occupied

The Supreme Court verdict on Sept. 23 came in response to a petition filed by the "Temple Mount Faithful," a fanatical group which is bent upon obliterating the Islamic identity of Jerusalem by building what it describes as the ancient temple of Solomon on the Haram Al Sharif complex, where Islam's

third holiest shrine, the Al Aqsa Mosque, is situated.
In legal terms, the issue more of less clear: "Temple Mount Faithful" was questioning why the Israeli authorities were not preventing the Islamic Waqf in Jerusalem from carrying out restoration at the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques while in the past they had blocked the Jewish group from "rebuilding" the temple of Solomon.

The court ruling rejected the group's demand that the Waqt be penalised for conducting the restoration work at the mosques, but it "reprimanded" the (occupation) authorities for "keeping a blind eye" to the work under way at the

His Majesty King Hussein, who is financing the restoration of the complex with his personal funds, has instructed the Waqf to ignore the court ruling and press ahead with its work. The King has also launched his own moves as well as diplomatic action by the government to preempt what could turn out to be an Israeli government action to "follow up" the court's implicit suggestion that the Waqf be blocked from continuing the restoration work.

True, any Israeli leader with a minimum level of political acumen would balk at interfering with the restoration work if only because it would be like throwing a spanner in the works of the Middle East peace process.

But experience has taught us that Israeli inaction, presuming that the government of Yitzhak Rabin will not pick up its cue from the Supreme Court, is by no means any reassurance. We have lived through thousands of instances where Israel skilfully exploited decades-old regulations and court rulings as weapons retrieved from the storage whenever it suited its purpose (its use of the "administrative detention" provision dating back to the British mandate provides one of the most vivid examples). Hence the Jordanian worry of a shift in the situation on ground.

While that is the status quo in a strictly legal sense, and how Jordan has to work on the diplomatic level to preempt further Israeli action, the scenario is only a fleeting glimpse into the much more intense conflict over the Holy City and it goes much deeper than the issue of legality or politicking.

Quite simply, the worries expressed by King Hussein transcend all political or legal considerations and are rooted in the Hashemite dimension of Jerusalem.

This dimension has several key elements which, when put together, established beyond any doubt that the Hashemites are so intrinsically linked with Jerusalem that no Israeli court ruling or political gimmick can even scratch their status (despite the realities on the ground) as the guardians of the Islamic holy shrines in the Holy City.

- The Hashemites are a branch of the Qureishis from Mecca and the descendants of the Prophet Mohammad, whose nocturnal journey to heaven and back from Haram Al Sharif bound them to the Holy City from the very outset of Islam. Despite what some might see as an oversimplification of this relationship, the fact remains that this is the linkage that establishes the Islamic dimension of the Hashemite's claim to be the guardian of the holy shrines in Jerusalem.

As such, it was no coincidence that King Hussein's great grandfather, Hussein Ibn Ali of Mecca, was buried in the Holy City in accordance his own wishes to be laid to rest in Jerusalem, which also witnessed the martyrdom of his son and King Hussein's grandfather, King Abdullah.

The Arab-Palestinian dimension of the Hashemites' link with Jerusalem preceded even the creation of the independent Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In 1937, Abdul Qader Husseini, from one of the most prominent families in Jerusalem, sought the then Prince Abdullah's help to maintain the Islamic shrines in the Holy City. And Prince Abdullah did indeed respond positively to this request, despite the severe financial constraints that he was under, to help the Jewel of

- Further down history, King Hussein has repeatedly risen above political sentivities to express his deep regret of having been the Hashemite under whose reign of non-Islamic power managed to gain physical control of Jerusalem (the political senstitivties here being the thin line drawn between how the Hashemites viewed Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank. Some of the King's remarks were clearly taken to indicate that he grieved the loss of Jerusalem more than any other calamity that has befallen the Hashemites as a result of the Palestinian

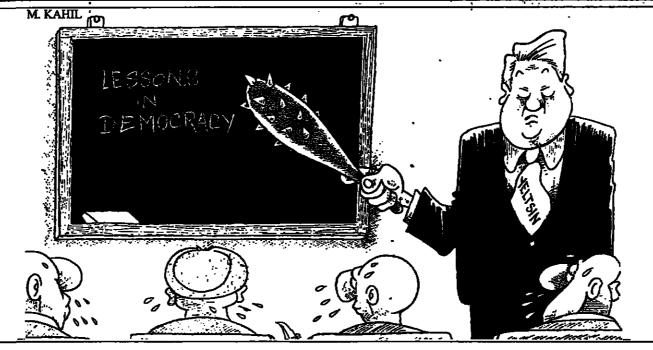
Over and above everything else, it was no coincidence either that King Hussein retained Jordan's strong links with the Islamic Waqf in Jerusalem and continued to extend all support despite his severance of legal and administrative links with the West Bank. His position was that no matter what happened, there was no way that the Hashemite link with Jerusalem could be put into question.

Needless to say, it was also the same consideration that prompted him to personal sacrifices to raise funds to finance the restoration of the holy shrines in Jerusalem when it appeared that moves by others threatened to cast a doubt on the Hashemite commitment to Jerusalem.

And now, when the King says that he had never and would never accept any sovereignty over Jerusalem except that of Almighty God, it is time the Arab and Islamic World, as well as the international community, looked closer into the scenario and realised and appreciated the reality that such a stand is not a political gimmick aimed at outmanoeuvring others, but a sentiment that is deep rooted and dates back to centuries - something that King Hussein was born with and would pass on to the next generation.

The King's message is clear to those who harbour designs to turn Jerusalem into their back garden: Hands off Jerusalem. No one should underestimate the Hashemite resolve to fight

and die for Jerusalem. And the message is clear to those who are willing to accept dialogue: The Hashemites are willing to talk about it in good faith to seek a formula which will protect the Holy City and preserve its Arab and Islamic identity.



At the 'Moscow school', democracy is redefined

By Dominique Moqsi and Diana Pinto

These include:

GOLITSINA, Russia - Two years after the aborted putsch in Russia, what has happened to that burst of democratic courage and fervor which accelerated the end of the Soviet regime? Has it been destroyed by the difficulties of daily life, by economic instabil-ity and political bickering? Has it paled next to the rise of organised crime, or the apparent return of medieval diseases like the pla-gue? Such woes seem to fascinate the media, hovering over Russia's condition like birds of prey over the carcass of a once ferocious

beast.
And yet Russia has remained remarkably calm, taking in stride economic and political tensions that would have shot the nerves of any western nation. But is the spirit of democracy penetrating the consciousness of the new Russia? Or does the prevailing calm simply reflect Russia's acute fatigue after more than 70 years of repression? Worse, does it prove the supposed passivity of the Rus-

A week spent visiting the new Moscow School of Democracy persuaded us otherwise. This school — really a series of semi-nars held in dachas around Moscow — was conceived by an energetic and charismatic citizen. Lena Nemirovskaga. An art historian whose kitchen was, in the '80s, a centre of independent thinking in Russia, she realised that in the new Russia, the time for dissidence was over and that there was a need to construct a new political elite.

Support for this initiative has come from three sources: the

role as purveyor of democratic values; the British government, ever ready to stand by its democratic tradition; and Russian capitalists, who have understood the crucial link between a market economy and democratic plur-

The school brings together young elected officials from all levels of Russian political life, as well as those who will form a new banking and business elite. These young men and women, who already hold major responsibili-ties in the privatisation of industry, sometimes for regions as large as European countries, provide living hope that democracy might eventually flourish in

Not only was Tocqueville's spirit of democracy alive and well at the seminars, so was Montesquieu's "The Spirit of Laws," perhaps more important for the future stability of Russia.

These new Russian political elites are too young to have served in the Afghan war. And most were far removed — geographically and culturally — from the secluded world of the Moscow dissidents of the last decade.

It is, therefore, significant that for them, national pride and selfrespect today are inseparable from a democratic regime. This became clear during their discussions. Their ideal was a 20thcentury Magna Carta, along Brit-ish lines, combined with a strong independent judiciary, in the American tradition. To govern effectively and keep together so vast a country, they also felt the need for a strong executive in the tradition of Charles de Gaulle, combined with an equally strong federal power, along German

rney firmly rejected any Latin American authoritarian "solu-tion," with its collusion between economic interests, the military and the mafia, or the austere modernity offered by Singapore's Confucian brand of enlightened

despotism.
What these young elites sought, quite simply, were pragmatic western recipes for democratic "normalcy," a nor-malcy that would allow Russia's full integration into the community of nations. For they knew only Soviet Union had been. Where many western commen-

tators seek dark symbols of decay in the breakdown of public order, morality and primitive economic redistribution, Russians striving for democracy see instead what they define as "constructive destruction.

They feel absolutely certain that the misdoings of even the most powerful of today's economic mafias cannot compare to the state-organised violence and criminality of seven decades of Soviet rule. The economic violence of today pales in compari-son with the political violence of

These young elites were particularly impressed with the dis-tinction, made by one of Russia's most prestigious constitutionalists, between the concept of "authority," derived from moral values, and that of "power." based on simple political execu-

Parliamentarians felt obliged to condemn the financial abuses and black-mailing behaviour of their chairman. Ruslan Khasbulatov, while asserting the legitimacy of a strong parliamentary power. Re-gional representatives were fight-

tween Moscow and their regions, while condemning the economic thefts and judicial immunity of their immediate "Soviet-in-

spired" superiors. Jurists were seeking to solve seemingly impossible equations by creating a new constitutional order that would take into account Russia's long institution-al history and the political experi-ences of the past two years. Bankers and capitalists struggled to reconcile the imperatives of economic rationality and legality with absurd legislation inherited from the Soviet state.

Finally, even the most impatient reformers were forced to admit that politics and that perhaps President Yeltsin's delaying tactics may have preserved Russia's social peace.

The chorus of fears and hopes heard at Golitsina all pointed ultimately in one direction: Russia has no choice but to forge strong and stable political institutions, with the separation of powers as linchpin, with clear dis-tribution of authority between the centre and the regions, and with pluralist democracy serving as the motor.

For an anguished West, constantly brooding over its own citizens' political disenchantment and the unwieldiness of modern democratic systems, the debates taking place among these Russians provide a positive chal-

lenge.

For, these young Russians per-ceive liberal democracy as a value and as an essence and not simply as a procedural context. By helping to foster it, we in the West not only ensure our political and strategic stability, we give new meaning to our political roots.

— International Herald TriThe Week in Print

Citizens should elect, and do so judiciously

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

The local press in the past week focused attention mainly on the coming elections campaign, with the columnists expressing their views that the candidates will be linking their programmes to the Middle Eastern developments and the peace process. Somalia and domestic affairs also figured in the

The Nov. 8 elections is a very important event in the life of the Jordanian people and therefore it is incumbent on every citizen to actively participate in this event which is bound to affect the life of all people, said Taher Al Udwan in Al Dustour.

The writer said that participation is also important because it reflects the people's concern about enhancing democracy in their country. But, he said, the important thing is for the electorate to be sure that those they elect for Parliament will be committed to the slogans and the programmes they had de-

clared to the public. Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that citizens who fail to take part in the coming elections have no right to blame anybody if certain groups, not to their liking, acquired the majority of the seats in Par-

The writer said that voters have to be careful in their choice of candidates, taking it into consideration that many of the programmes proclaimed by the previous Parliament members were never implemented.

Hamadeh Faraaneh, another Al-Dustour colr Al-Dustour col-rights of the people.
stressed the fact that Referring to the negotiaand Palestinians "tions with Israel, Dr. Abdul umnist, stressed the fact that

He said that every citizen, meeting the basic requirements, can run for the coming elections or vote for any of the candidates in a free and fair manner. He said that the Jordanian Constitution has guaranteed this right which was supported by King Hussein in all his addresses to the nation. This right, he said, applies as well to the refugees who have lived in the camps for the past four decades.

In order for the coming elections to be considered free and fair, the executive authority should remain neutral, said Mohammad Subeihi, a columnist in Al Dustour. He demanded that heads of government departments stop influencing their staff to vote in favour of certain candidates, noting that this has occurred in different governorates.

He reminded the governors and the district governors that the prime minister has issued clear directives that the public servants remain totally neutral.

Ahmad Dabbas, a col-

umnist in Sawt Al Shaab, praised a government mea sure requiring all the candi-dates running in the coming elections to get clearance from the Income Tax Department.

He said he had learnt that

some candidates complained against this measure which. he said, was right and just. Those candidates wishing to sit in Parliament and handle public affairs and draw up their nation's laws should start by themselves complying with the laws and regulations and should settle their dues, appear clean and honest in the eyes of the public, demanded the writer. A columnist in Al Ra'i cal-

led on the government to set up customs offices on the bridges across the River Jordan and charge customs duty for goods entering the King-dom from occupied Arab ter-

Fahd Al Fanek said that the government should not be hesitant regarding this point and should treat the bridges like the borders with Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iraq to safeguard national interests.

The writer noted that while the local industries pay sales and consumer taxes to the Jordanian government, the goods entering the Kingdom from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are not.

Until the goods entering the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have become exempted

from customs duty, said the writer, the government should introduce measures for charging customs duty on any goods entering Jordan from the occupied lands.

Mohammad Ibrahim Daoud said in a column published in Al Dustour that regardless of the recent PLO-Israeli agreement, Jordanians should strive to protect their

national unity.
The PLO-Israeli agreement nowadays serves as a fertile field for discussion and for airing personal views regarding the Jordanian-Palestinian relations, the rights of the Palestinians to vote and other matters, said

the writer. He said that Jordanian-Palestinian unity will remain for ever, regardless of the events and the agreements, and it is imperative on the Jordanian citizens to remain steadfast and united to protect their national interests.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily said that despite the government decisions concerning the appointment of handicapped persons in public and private sector activities, nothing has been achieved in this regard. The government has said

that any organisation employing 50 or more employees should appoint eligi-ble handicapped persons in at least five per cent of its available positions, said Nazih. The writer said that laws

and decisions seem to be in sufficient to ensure the handicapped people's appointments and the government has to step in and take practical steps in defence of the

are equal, regardless of their mMajid Nuseir said in Sawt Al. origin, as long as they hold hold hold that although it is right Jordanian citizenship. for the government to open negotiations with the Israelis, it is not acceptable from the

government to accept any agreement with Israel at any For this to happen, the government ought to involve the people and their representatives in the negotiations and allow the voice of the

opposition to be heard The writer said that the presence of opposition to government views is a healthy sign of democracy and should be encouraged.

Al Dustour daily paid special tribute to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent, for his recent endeavours at the United Nations and the Vatican where he discussed the future of Jerusalem in the course of Jordan's quest for a just

The Crown Prince has attracted the world community's attention to the plight of the Holy City and has en-listed the Vatican's assistance to settle the issue peacefully and fairly and to protect the rights of all faiths, added the

The situation in Somalia was discussed by Saleh Al Qasem, a columnist in Al Ra'i who said that the United States and its allies sent in forces to the embattled nation to rescue the starving population, but they ended up killing the innocent civi-

The U.N. funds spent on the armies fighting the Somalis are enough to enable the Somali people to live a very comfortable life and bring back stability to the whole Horn of Africa, added the

He said that the United States does not want the African nations to live in peace. charging that the American forces are in Somalia for pillaging the country and dismembering the nation. Taher Udwan, a columnist

in Al Dustour, criticised United Nations Secretary General Boutros Ghali for his policies in Somalia. The Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, as initiated by the U.N., has now been transformed into a repressive force directed against the people of somalia under the pretext of chasing General Aideed, said | the writer.

He said that Dr! Ghali. who first showed enthusiasm at the idea of restoring hope to the Somalis, is no more concerned about the reconciliation among the Somali people.

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We are responsible for the quality of life of future generations

Following is Food and Agricul-ture Organisation (FAO) Director-General Edouard Saouma's message on the occasion of World Food Day 1993

In selecting "Harvesting Nature's Diversity" as the theme for this year's observance of World Food Day, we focus on the importance of biological diversity for sustainable agricultural development and the

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ecological health of our Planet. From the beginning of humanity's efforts to harness nature and the environment some 12,000 years ago, rural peoples have engaged in a pro-cess of domesticating nature's resources by planting crops and raising animals for food, medicine and other basic needs. Modern agriculture, fisheries and forestry is based on this long process of diversi-fication and adaptation of beneficial plants and animals to meet a wide range of environmental conditions and varying human needs.

Yet nature's legacy to us of diverse genetic resources is at risk. Genetic erosion — the reduction of diversity within and between a species --- is a

global threat to agriculture. This biological heritage which spans generations is threatened by the recent rapid pace of change, undesirable side-effects of industrialisation and continuing expansion of the world's population.

Today, our ecological resources are being exploited at rates which exceed their sustamable yield. Human transformation of natural habitats, whether for subsistence or commercial purposes, poses the largest threat; land lost to highways and the urban sprawl, over-grazing of pasture lands, draining of wetlands, repetitive slash and burn cultivation in forests, overzealous logging, unsustainable fuelwood collection, indiscriminate and excessive use of fertilisers and pesticides, overfishing, air and water pollution all severely damage our

natural resources. Every year, five to seven million bectares of cultivated land are degraded. Between

1980 and 1990, tropical forests were destroyed at an annual rate of 15.4 million hectares and with it all the biological diversity these forests contain. Since the beginning of this century, about 75 per cent of

the genetic diversity among agricultural crops has been lost. Hundreds of tree species are endangered in whole or in significant parts of their gene pools. Almost 20 per cent of livestock breeds in developing countries are in peril. In aquatic environments, many species are endangered by pollution, diversion of waterways, en-vironmental degradation and the release of exotic species.

If genetic diversity is lost, neither human beings nor nature can select to adapt to meet changing needs in agriculture and even society at large. The vulnerability of crop varieties and animal breeds would increase to their limits of survivai. Selection can only be done where biodiversity exists.

However, there are some grounds for hope. Global food production has improved since 1992 which enhances the prospects for food security. It is encouraging to note that world cereal stocks are now above the minimum level considered necessary for world food secur-

By the year 2025, food pro-

duction will have to expand by an estimated sixty per cent to meet increased demand, mostly in developing countries. Developing agricultural crops and animal breeds through genetic improvement could play a significant role to increase food production. Sustainable agriculture must be institutionalised if we are to conserve and use our productive base and provide refuge to the impor-tant gene pools of wild plants, trees and animal species, which are adapted to local climates and topographies and resistant

Since FAO's founding 48 years ago, the organisation has led the fight against hunger and has promoted the conservation of natural resources on which food production depends. Recently, FAO re-

to pests and diseases.

formulated its programmes to place a central emphasis on the sustainability of agricultural and rural development.

The challenge of Harvesting Nature's Diversity is clear: to conserve biodiversity and to use it sustainably and equitably for human development. This will ensure the survival of humanity and our ability to adapt to even-changing needs and conditions. In effect, it will help guarantee long-term food security and progress towards a well-fed and healthy life for all

people in the next millenium. Urgent action at local, national and international levels is required to safeguard nature's priceless heritage. Everyone depends in some way on the world's biological

FAO is at the forefront of devising ways of recognising and rewarding the contributions made to biodiversity by scientists, farmers, foresters, fisherfolks and rural peoples. FAO provides an intergovernmental forum to ensure cooperation and sharing of be-

nefits between countries that are sources of biodiversity of food and agriculture, many of them in the developing world and the users, mainly indus-trialised nations. We are breaking new ground: the in-

ternational economic system is still unable to assign values of exchange to biodiversity and other environmental compo-

The cost of conserving biodiversity is far less than the

penalty of allowing its degradation. Our generation has a tremendous social responsibility: to pass on to our children the integrity and wealth of biodiversity that we have inherited from our parents. This will enable future generations to face unpredictable environmental changes and human

World Food Day provides the rallying point for raising that, in the final analysis, we are all responsible for biodiversity and the quality of life of future generations: shall we leave them a secure natural heritage or a genetically impoverished world?

Ultimately it is up to us to safeguard biodiversity and to act as good stewards of the terms responsibly. I ask for everyone's collaboration in this common endeavour.



sing issues on food and nutrition with the People's Republic of Bangladesh Prime Minister

World Food Day 1992 (File photo)

Guzman virtually admits defeat, analysts say

By Mary Powers Reuter

LIMA, Peru — Jailed guerrilla chief Abimael Guzman said he bad made a "historical decision" to seek a peace accord with the Peruvian government but he stopped short of calling on followers to lay down their

Nevertheless, political and security analysts said a three-page letter to President Alberto Fuilmori — read by Guzman on videotane — was a tacit admittal his Shining Path movement had been defeated in its 13-year war against the-

ership in the guerrilla group.".

"In the current circumst... ances, the party and its leaders are presented with a great and historical decision," said Mr. Guzman, clean-shaven, casual-

ly-dressed and looking relaxed. to begin the popular war. Today, with equal firmness and resolution, we should fight for a peace agreement," he added. But shortly after Mr. Fu-

ilmori revealed the letter, about 50 armed guerrillas attacked a village in Vilcas Huaman Province, some 450 kilometres

determined number of others wounded, officials said.

Mr. Guzman, political and ideological chief of Maoist group who was captured in September 1992, was accompanied by Shining Path second-

in-command Elena Iparraguir-re in the video filmed at a Lima military prison.

Retired General Edgardo Mercado, head of a Centre on Security and Geopolitical Issues, said Mr. Guzman's letter and another written three weeks ago had sent a message to followers that there was no

when he was presented to the press after his capture last

The general said the second letter sent a signal to the few political leaders still at large that the group could not recompose its political lead-

Mr. Guzman said the Fujimori's government had implemented "a systematic, coherent and developed (counter-insurgency) strategy." describing his capture as the state's "most important achievement in 13 years of Tapia said the letter's language reflected the military and poli-

tical state of the war. "The lack of popular sup-port for the Shining Path has obliged the chiefs of the political leadership to subscribe in writing what is occurring in practice," Mr. Tapia said.

He said some 600 Shining Path guerrillas had been killed in the past year and another 2,400 had been captured, about two-thirds of the group's

active combatants. He and other analysts said tfley agreed with Mr. Fujimori's refusal to accept conditions

man calls for a ceasefire in a war that has killed more than

Guzman holds effective control over Shining Path militants after a year in prison.

fourth sword of Marxism and

pledged to end Peru's two lef-tist insurgencies by the end of his term in 1995, said he would maintain an "open channel of communication" with Mr.

Enrique Bernales, head of a think-tank which studies violence, warned against giving Mr. Guzman too much expo-

There should be fewer letters and firmer decisions by the government," Mr. Bernales said, adding Mr. Fujimori might be using the missives for his political advantage in the run-up to an Oct. 31 referendum vote on a draft constitu-



Italian travel agents tour Jordan

In its efforts to promote tour-ism to Jordan, World Travel and Tourism in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Philadelphia Hotel, Amman, Holiday Inn Hotel Aqaba, and the Royal Jordanian are hosting Mr. Bruno Coser, the chairman of Coser Tours, which is considered one of the leading tour operators in Italy. Mr. Coser is accompanied by 30 travel agents who will be visiting Jordan for the first

time in order to direct their

efforts to bring tourists to

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reason nor will to continue with their Maoist-"popular and his insistence that Mr. Guzman call on his followers "The first letter contained a Mr. Guzman, speaking in to lay down their arms. the video presented by Mr. Fujimori on Saturday night, said his arrest and that of other tacit and explicit order that the Mr. Mercado said "the work sixth military plan could not of psychological pressure" ap-plied by a presidential emissary longer continue," Mr. Mercardo said, referring to Mr. Guztop leaders had led to "funshould continue until Mr. Guzdamental questions of leadman's call to continue the war

27,000 people and caused \$25 billion in damages. But Enrique Obando, an analyst on security affairs at the Peruvian Centre for International Studies, said it still

> "He cannot be leading the fight from prison, although he does continue to be the great ideologue considered the

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Leninism'," Mr. Obando said. Guerrilla expert Carlos Mr. Fujimori, who has people were killed and an un-Detanging — did Yeltsin go too — far enoug Defanging Russia's hydra far or not far enough?

By Candice Hughes The Associated Press

MOSCOW — With a quick stroke of the pen, President Boris Yeltsin swept away city and town councils across Russia. His goal? To defang the vestiges of an old, hostile system at its most basic level. Undemocratic? Without a

Effective? Altogether another question.
This doesn't solve any

thing," Councilman Mikhail V. Chernyshyov said, .clear-Councilman Mikhail ing out his office under the watchful eyes of policemen armed with sub-machine guns. "The problems that existed before still exist."

A colleague, Andrei A. Stepanov, shivered in the sharp autumn wind amid a clutter of cardboard boxes, potted plants and sullen staffers.

"I think this should offend not just us, but all the countries that supported Yeltsin."

Among the president's advisors, the debate centres on whether Mr. Yeltsin went too far or not far enough against what one called Russia's "hydra-headed monster" — a hodgepodge of provincial bodies elected three years ago in the twilight of commun-

Less than a week after Mr. Yeltsin's long struggle with the national parliament erupted into all-out armed conflict, the president moved Saturday

against its "little brothers." He told the legislatures in Russia's republics to restructure, stripped regional and district assemblies of the right to



pass budgets, and disbanded the thousands of town and city councils throughout Russia, including Moscow's. Some advisers said the presi-

dent should have shown no mercy and completely disbanded the whole lot. "Soviet power should be totally uprooted." Leonid Smirnyagin told the ITAR-

TASS news agency Tuesday. Others said Mr. Yeltsin had been too harsh and hasty, that he risked a bitter backlash and regional upheavals.

There was no reason to break the regions over his knees," Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai, Mr. Yeltsin's point man on regional issues, said in a newspaper interview.

Like the national parliament, provincial councils included heavy contingents of former party apparatchiks.

The whole structure of the councils was custom-made for Communist Party rule." said Nikolai Medvedev, a Yelisin

Town and village councils. he said, were the most "conservative and futile" of all. "They were created simply to make people obedient to party orders," he said. As Mr. Yeltsin's monthslong

battle with national legislators had worn on, Russia's regions had grown restive. Instead of allies, Mr. Yeltsin found him-self facing adversaries. As living standards sank and

crime rose, local councils like the National Parliament had become a bully pulpit for hardliners of various persuasions. Reformers found themselves either outnumbered or dissatisfied enough to move to the opposition.

Personal interests and ambitions came into play, as well as the desire for more independ-

Some regions threatened to secede from the Russian Federation. Some withheld taxes from the central government. In others, local officials blocked privatisation or used it for their own ends.

These provincial conflicts mirrored the larger battle between Mr. Yeltsin and his parliamentary opponents over the course - and heavy price - of free-market reform embittered by a tug-of-war for power between the legislative and executive branches of govern-

Mr. Yeltsin has promised a new national law on local government and Moscow's mayor has said a new, streamlined city council may be elected later this year. It will be housed, he said, on the edge of red square in what — until now

Offshore banks plead in Bahrain for equality

supervisors from 19 offshore banking centres have said they were unfairly classified as high risk by the world's industrial nations.

The offshore group of banking supervisors met in Bahrain with representatives of the Basle committee on banking supervision to press the point of capital adequacy rules, put into place to try to prevent banking collapses

The Basle capital accord, agreed in 1988, classifies as low risk members of the industrialised Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Develop-ment (OECD) and Saudi Arabia.

Banks should have capital representing eight per cent of loans to non-OECD, non-Saudi countries — with the result that such loans are costlier to make.

But the Basle guidelines do not require any capital to back loans to OECD members and Saudi Arabia, economists say.

"There is concern that under the capital accord the Basle committee has divided countries into two groups, OECD which had added to it Saudi Arabia, and other countries,' said Colin Powell, chairman of the offshore group.

The offshore group comprised centres like Bahrain, Hong Kong and Jersey which main-

PHNOM PENH (R) - The

Cambodian government has announced plans to raise the

wages of civil servants and

soldiers by 20 per cent at the

It also presented new tax

laws aimed at helping the

poorest in a nation just emerg-

ing from a quarter-century of

Finance Minister Sam Rain-

sy told a news conference the

pay increase, which must be

approved by the national

people to recoup the loss of

purchasing power that they

have registered over the past

crease this four- or five-fold to

allow people to live decently,"

he said, noting that the average

monthly salary equalled just

He said the rise was made

possible by increasing state re-

venues over the past four

months, due in large part to

improved collection of customs

The minister was optimistic

that the economic vacuum fol-

lowing the departure of some

22,000 U.N. civilian and milit-

ary peacekeepers could be fil-

"The loss of revenue... will

be more than compensated for

by the inflow of foreign assist-

ance and increase of private

Mr. Rainsy said reforms

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would aim to tax bigger com-

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tain they are as creditworthy: OECD countries and Sau Arabia.

The Basle committee, the international group of central bankers, plainly felt a distinction had to be drawn between countries which have comparatively strong economies and regulatory oversight and those that do not.

"The discrimination between centres has caused concern," said Mr. Powell, himself chief adviser to Jersey.

"There is some real concern that banks operating from cen-tres not in the club are adversely affected in going to the market for funds," Mr. Powell told a news conference after the offshore group's annual

He said the group pressed its case with two representatives present from the Basle committee on banking supervision.

"The Basie committee promised the matter would be further reviewed," Mr. Powell said. "We as the offshore group will continue to press the point. We are waiting to see how they respond."

Mr. Powell said the group also discussed among themselves and with the Basle representatives "how to ensure effective supervision of banks on international basis.'

"We discussed how the offshore group members could

more heavily. Many small trad-

ers would be exempt from tax...

have to pay a turnover tax of

two per cent and a profits tax

ranging from 12-40 per cent,

while imported goods would be

He announced new tariffs

ranging from seven per cent for

basic commodities to 15 per

cent for intermediate goods, 35

per cent for finished goods and

50 per cent for luxury items.

Vietnam-bound motorcycles

and cigarettes, will be taxed at

The government also plan-

ned to introduce personal in-

come tax from next year for

anyone earning more than.

The minister said he hoped

making import licences redun-

dant, adding: "by doing this we

are happy to cut red tape and

bureaucracy."

Meanwhile, the Internation-

al Monetary Fund (IMF) has

agreed to finance war-battered

Cambodia's balance of pay-

ments needs for the next four

years, the fund's managing

director Michel Camdessus has

granting of \$9 million IMF loan

to Cambodia earlier this month

after France and Japan cleared

the country's \$52 million

"We will make all (funding)

By Harris

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Bigger businesses would

Cambodian government to raise wages

OPEC's Ping hits out at proposed new taxes

President Jean Ping hit out at energy taxes with environmental overtones, calling them fiscal weapons designed to improve the balance of payments of some oil consuming coun-

Mr. Ping, Gabon's mines and energy minister, indicated in an address to an international energy meeting in Jakarta that OPEC was ready to oppose any such taxes after hammering out a six-month output accord at its recent

He said under the "enviornmental tax scenario," additional tax revenues from levies on oil in OECD countries would be almost \$92 billion per annum by the year 2010 in real terms, and the cumulative additional tax revenue would be \$1.2 trillion.

"As a result, the cumulative loss of revenues to OPEC member countries, in 1992 dollars, would be \$173 billion by the year 2010," he added. It is not surprising... to expect OPEC to be opposed to taxes which purport to have an environmental benefit but which, in reality, are nothing more than fiscal weapons designed to improve a country's balance of payments or its budget de-

Mr. Ping said OPEC members did not stand in the way of progress nor did it oppose efforts to improve the environment, adding: "We are after all, residents of the global vil-

He said OPEC wanted to reach an acceptable compromise between the needs of all

The issue of energy taxes took on greater importance earlier this month after European Community (EC) Environment Commissioner Yannis Paleokrassas tried to persuade four countries - Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland — to back a carbon tax by offering

China forces scientists

The State Science and Tech-

nology commission gives

grants to help Chinese scientists to complete international-

Zhou Yuan, a policy analyst at the commission was quoted as

saying that priority is given to

basic research with close ties to

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earn money by selling pro-

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Ms. Kinoshita said the

Chinese call this plunge into

market economics "leaping

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to "leap into the sea'

Six other EC nations already back the tax and France has said it does not oppose the planned measure, while Britain may be given a chance to opt out.

OPEC officials earlier had voiced opposition to the proposed EC carbon tax as well as to a recent increase in petrol tax in the United States.

Mr. Ping said worldwide demand for oil in the base case could be 69 million b/d in 2000 and 78 million in 2010, compared with 68 million and 76 million with an environmental

Speaking later to reporters he described the recent OPEC agreement for a group output ceiling of 24.5 million b/d as

"We will see that OPEC members will abide with the agreement and adhere to their quota because, first of all, the countries which have overproduced have now an allocation which is close to their maximum capacity," he added.

Chengdu produces and sells a

popular antihypertensive drug

and earns more than \$15 mil-

tion a year.

The Peking electron posit-

ron collider has a shabby look

outside but is doing cutting-

edge research inside on super-

conducting and spinning off

commercial products such as

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resonance imaging machines

and high-vacuum technology

for integrated circuitry.

Ms. Kinoshita said that most

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Ms. Indjova said mass priva-

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'Also we are not prepared to

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Shares surge on anniversary of the 1987 crash

LONDON (R) - London shares hit new highs Friday as overnight gains abroad and excitement over a possible shake-up of the international telecommunications and media industry brought U.S. money back to the market with a

"Today's yet again a story of U.S. investors and this time, they're buying," said a senior London dealer.

Other European markets also hit record highs on speculation of possible further German interest rate cuts. The surge came on the the sixth anniversary of the 1987 Wall Street stock market crash which triggered a global share

Record highs in Asian markets Friday and a proposed merger of U.S. telephone firm Bell Altantic Corp with Cable T.V. giant Tele-Communications Inc. triggered a rush of U.S. money into the London market after dealers said earlier in the week the flow looked like drying up. By midafternoon, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100

share index stood at a new intra-day high of 3,123.0, up 36.7

points or 1.19 per cent on the day.

Frankfurt's 30-share DAX index finished at a new closing high after comments from Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer renewed speculation about German interest rate cuts. Dutch and Swiss stocks rose to new intra-day highs in sympathy with the German gains.

Stock markets in Paris and Brussels, where currency weakness has been a recent cause of concern, also rose, with Belgian shares briefly touching highs.

Singapore shares closed at their fifth consecutive closing

high as fund managers continued to rush into the market.
Hong Kong's Hang Seng blue chip index closed up 4.15 per
cent at a record high on perceptions that Sino-British
discussions over the British colony were advancing. London stocks with links to Hong Kong surged from the

HSBC (Holdings) PLC, whose subsidiaries include the HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd, rose 16p to 762. Standard Chartered Bank PLC, also with a high proportion of

Asia-based activities, jumped 16p to a year-high of £10.30. The most spectacular gainer was Cable Wireless, which at one point stood 4.7 per cent higher on both its Hong Kong exposure and on U.S.-driven speculative buying linked to the Bell Atlantic-Tele-Communications deal. British and U.S. analysts were immersed Friday in calculat-

ing the potential for a reevaluation of telecommunications and

other media stocks following the proposed \$30.5 billion mega London dealers said the lack of concrete rerating to emerge so far had not stemmed a steady flow of U.S. money into the

telecommunications sector.

HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Another excellent day to enjoy while putting private concerns aside and garnering information you need, reading journals news-papers, books and private reports from trusted sources.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You find expenses more than you think you can contend with but carefully plan and organise well, tonight enjoy quiet plea-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You feel your personal aims are further from you than ever and can be belligerent in going after them, but tonight you get what you desire easily.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You have some limiting condition that seems impossible to solve but by evening an impor-tant member of your own household can be helpful in doing so. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A determined individual can block you in obtaining some-thing of importance to you so postpone action until evening when breaks are in your favour. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You need to be very careful to protect your good name against daytime downgrading while in the evening you again are able to put yourself in a good light.

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You can't seem to work out some practical problems as you wish so drop them for the pment and do personal chores while tonight business is on the upswing for you.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A person equally as stubborn as yourself will buck ease around this situation but tonight everyone is more open-minded.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Consider the activities facing you and do them in a well thought out manner and don't force them but tonight you can schedule tasks very well. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Not a day to force others or yourself at pleasures and recreations or some difficult results ensue but tonight is fine

for going to new places. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Think about the various problems at your home and be very wary in trying to de something about them but tonight you see, can put solution

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Mr. Powell described

Bahrain as a strong and suc-

Monetary Agency (BMA), there were 43 OBUS operating on the island at the end of June 1993 with a total assets of \$68 billion.

There were 75 units at the start of the oil boom in the mid-1970s when banks fled Lebanon after the 1975 civil war broke out there.

He said Lebanon had the ability to reactivate its position as a major financial centre once peace prevailed. Mr. Powell said the offshore

group, founded in 1980 and grouping 19 centres, would hold its next meeting in Vienna

It consists of Aruba, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Jersey, Lebanon, Malta. Mauritius, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Singapore and

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SOFIA (R) — Bulgaria's new

privatisation chief has pledged

to step up the fight to trans-

form state industry but said

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Reneta Indjova has taken

over as executive director of

the privatisation agency, a

month after her predecessor

was sacked by the supervisory

Ms. Indjova, whose brief is

to sell off Bulgaria's larger

state firms, had led criticism of

the agency, which has sold

only two such enterprises since

it was set up a year ago.
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WASHINGTON (AP) - China is forcing its oncecomfortable, government supported scientists to "leap into the sea" of market economics.

a scientific journal reported.
"Science," the weekly of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said China has cut the government budgets of the 117 institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences by 70 per cent.

"This move is intended to shrink staffs of bloated with party appointees," said Science reporter June Kinoshita in a review of science in China. The government is also

strengthening a system of grants for competing researchers by the Natural Science Foundation of China. The foundation will give out \$50 million this year and they are scheduled to rise to \$75 million

Ms. Indjova said a lack of

political consensus in Bulgaria

on privatisation and the res-

toration of property to pre

communist owners had added

to the usual problems faced by

reforming eastern European

She was reluctant to predict

how many big firms she might

be able to privatise by the end

of the year, saying only that she would concentrate on some

of those already in the pipe-

The agency has the final say in the sell-off of all enterprises

worth more than 10 million

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The Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry owns a scientific

equipment manufacturer and a joint venture with a Hong A scientific institute in

New Bulgarian privatisation chief sees fight ahead They are not always coopera-Bulgarians would get a privatisation certificate worth

tisation funds.

"We have had problems, for example, with the committee

"The agency decided a few days ago to start privatisation procedures for the Sofia and Vitosha hotels but the committee objected that they were the best enterprises," Ms. Indjova said, adding that she would press ahead anyway. A proposed amendment to

the privatisation law will free the agency of some responsibility for the sell-off by allowing ministries to privatise firms worth up to 70 million levs (\$2.5 million) and laying the groundwork for mass privatisa-

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committees in carrying out its programme," she told Reuown them and relies on ministries and state committees for ters. "Those in charge do not documents and legal analysis.

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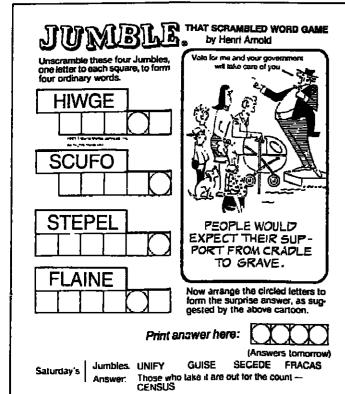
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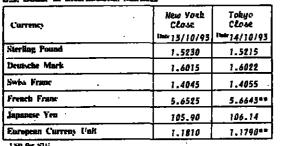
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French Franc	0.1216	0_1222
Japanese . Yen	0.6488	0.6520
Dutch Guilder	0.3820	0.3839
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Friday.

U.S. \$1.00 costs	1.3248/58	Canadian dollar
	1.6173/83	Deutschemarks .
	1.8190/00	Dutch guilders
	1.4298/08	Swiss francs
	35.60/65	Belgian francs
	5.7150/50	French francs
	1590.0/2.0	Italian lire
V	107.05/15	Japanese yen
	7.9230/43	Swedish crowns
	7.1020/20	Norwegian crowns
	6.5730/30	Danish crowns
One sterling	\$1.5112/22	

\$365.20/365.70

Faster U.S. economic growth may strengthen dollar

This report is submitted by Naser Nabulsi, private client group, Merrill Lynch - Dubai

Overview

Fundamental view: Prospects for faster growth in the U.S. could be the catalyst that fuels a rally of the dollar against the Deutschemark and other European currencies. With the U.S. economy expected to post growth of 4.0 per cent-plus in the current quarter while Germany's economy continues to stagnate, relative business cycle factors favour a stronger dollar against European currencies. With respect to the yen/dollar outlook Japan's recent monetary easing and a smoother tone to U.S.-Japan relations have helped the yen stabilise against the dollar. But prospects for Japan's current account surplus to remain large suggest the risk of further upward pressure on the yen next year. We maintain our forecasts for the dollar to rise to DM 1.85 while falling to yen

95 over the next 12 months. Technical view: The U.S. dollar index fell 1.1% during the week ended Oct. 8 for its first weekly loss in the past four. The greenback lost ground against five of the six major currencies we monitor; the exception was the Japanese yen and, even there, the gain was minimal. Short term sentiment is general-lay oversold, while medium term sentiment is coming off of an overbought condition versus the European currencies and near oversold versus the Canadian dollar and the Japanese yen. Short term momentum for the dollar index has turned back down, joining the medium term oscillator which remained weak even in the face of the dollar's recent rally. Since the medium term indicator has the potential to keep its downward bias into late November, it seems likely that any dollar strength over the next several weeks will only be counter trend. There is important chart support just above 88.0 with interim support near 90.00-91.00. Substantial resistance exists at 93.25-93.50.

Pound sterling

Fundamental view: The pound remained near the U.S.\$/:1.53 level in recent market activity, but depreciated versus the DM to DM/:2.44. We continue to expect the pound to weaken against the dollar but strengthen against the DM, driven largely by projected changes in short-term interest rate differentials. Three-month pound Eurorates are forecast to decline by 75 basis points over the next twelve months compared to a 35 basis point rise in dollar rates and a 210 basis point fall in DM rates. Also underlying the pound's expected 12-month rise to DM/:2.61 are our above-consensus forecast of 1994 U.K. growth at 3.2% and our below-consensus projection of no German growth in 1994. Our 12-month forecast for the USS/: rate is 1.41.

Technical view: The British pound gained 2.1% against the U.S. dollar during the week ended Oct. 8, making it the strongest currency among the six that we most regularly monitor. Both short and medium term sentiment readings are now near overbought levels. By contrast, both short and medium term momentum readings both have an upward bias and this, plus the breakout above a long standing trading range at 1.47-1.52 US\$/B.P. (which is viewed as support) has likely improved the currency's prospects for still higher rally highs. We continue to believe that there is a good chance that 1.55 US\$/B.P. resistance will be broken in coming weeks, paving the way for a possible challenge of important long term resistance at \$1.585-\$1.60. If this band is decisively penetrated, a case can be made that an important base will then be

in place.

It is reasonable to suggest, therefore, that \$1.60 resistance is as important to the currency as is \$1.40 support. Versus the DM sterling has been relatively strong since late July, with the B.P./DM cross-rate moving from high just below 2.59 to a late September low just below 2.44. Short term momentum did not confirm these lows and still has an upward tilt, allowing a rally back to perhaps 2.50-2.53. However, medium term momentum remains weak and any such rally will likely be short lived. Lower lows, therefore, are still expected over the medium

Deutsche mark

Fundamental view: The dollar weakened to the 1.60 level against the DM in recent trading. In our view, any further weakness is likely to be temporary. Prospects for faster growth in the U.S. could be the catalyst that fuels a rally of the dollar against the Deutschemark and other European currencies. Our domestic analysts see the likelihood of 4.0%-plus growth in the fourth quarter of this year as companies increase production to rebuild lean inventory positions. Faster U.S. growth is likely to result in a change of investor sentiment toward the dollar.

Meanwhile, we think the Bundesbank is likely to continue easing in the months ahead and look for short-term interest rates in Germany to decline at least 200 basis points by the end of 1994. A recent survey of industrial companies by the IFO research institute showed firms in the aggregate expect industrial production to decline 0.5% in 1994, following a steep 8% decline this year.

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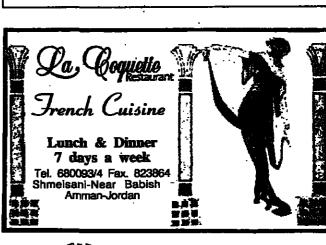
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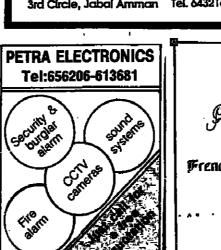
















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China bans

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Hong Kong film

PEKING (AFP) - Peking, in its latest bid to strengthen ideological control, has warned

foreign film-makers working in China to submit to censorship by slapping a ban on two Hong

Kong production firms. The

authorities banned domestic

studios from cooperating with Longwick Production Ltd. and

Success (HK) Film Production

Ltd. and barred the two com-

panies from importing films to the mainland, the China Daily

said Friday. The Englishlanguage daily said some over-

seas producers had violated

Chinese regulations that re-

quire official approval of

scenes in Sino-foreign films

both before shooting and be-

fore release. Some companies made two versions or smuggled films abroad, it quoted China

Film Co-Production Corp.

President Zheng Quangang as saying, adding that some productions had been submitted to

international film festivals.

China withdrew its official en-

try from the Locarno Film Fes-

tival in Switzerland in August

after organisers accepted Pek-

ing Bastards, a film by Chinese

Director Zhang Yuan

documenting a thriving youth

counter-culture here. as a

Hong Kong entrant. Officials said the film's Hong Kong production company had violated regulations by failing to get

permission or pay fees to shoot

saying such actions had dam-

aged China's reputation and

Chinese studios. Most "over-

seas editions" included un-

S. Africa's De Klerk, Mandela awarded Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (AFP) — South African President Frederik De Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela were jointly awarded the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their role in peacefully eradicating apartheid, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced.

Committee Chairman Francis Sejersted said Mr. Mandela. 75, and Mr. De Klerk, 57, have shown personal integrity and great political courage in laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa.

"Mandela's and De Klerk's constructive policy of peace and reconciliation also points the way to the peaceful resolution of similar deep-rooted conflicts elsewhere in the world." he added.

Mr. De Klerk freed Mr. Mandela in February 1990 after the black anti-apartheid leader spent 28 years in jail. Mr. Mandela, who suc-

ceeded Oliver Tambo as ANC head on July 5, 1991, is the third black South African and second ANC leader to win the award after ANC President Chief Albert Luthili in 1961 and Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 1984.

Mr. Mandela is widely expected to win South Africa's first non-racial election next on April 27 and succeed Mr. De Klerk as president.

Mr. De Klerk, who replaced Pieter Both as president in 1989, lifted the ban on the ANC on Feb. 2, 1990, paving the way for negotiations to eradicate the apartheid policy of racial segregation.

Mr. De Klerk and Mr. Man-

dela were more than 1,200



Recent file photos of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela (left) and South African

kilometres (750 miles) apart this prize to two South Afriwhen the announcement was cans will motivate all South Africans to rededicate themselves to the peaceful resolu-Mr. De Klerk was holition of our problems and that it daying at the Dehoop, a south coast nature reserve 300 will inspire us all to work for a

kilometres (188 miles) from new and better society," he It was not known exactly The president said in a statement issued by his office that where Mr. Mandela was but he the award "gives further interwas believed to be at his home national recognition to the pro-cess which South African leadin the posh northern Johannesburg suburb of Houghton, recuperating from a gruelling three-week trip to the United ers - and the South African

three years ago."
"However," he warned, "we States and Europe from which he returned Friday morning. dare not be complacent. There Mr. De Klerk. saying he was "deeply honoured" at being are still far too many leaders awarded the Nobel Peace who have not committed themselves fully to the negotiation Prize, declared Friday that the credit must go to all South process. There are still too many people and parties who Africans committed to peace. "I trust that the awarding of continue to use the rhetoric of

people - began more than

President F.W. De Klerk who were jointly

awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (AFP photo)

racial hatred, armed struggle and war. "There are still far too many South Africans who continue to suffer the effects of mindless

and brutal violence," he said. More than 12,000 people have died in political violence since the democratisation process began three years ago, according to figures provided by the Human Rights Commission, a left-wing watchdog

Criminal violence has claimed more than 20,000 lives in 1992 alone, according to the Law and Order Ministry.

The African National Congress (ANC) Friday welcomed the award to Mr. Mandela. "The ANC welcomes the award for Mr. Mandela," spokesman Carl Niehaus said.

Clinton considers ways to pressure Haiti WASHINGTON (R) — President Bill Clinton, angered by the refusal of Haiti's military leaders to give up power, dis-cussed with his top foreign policy advisers how to force them out of power in Haiti. Mr. Clinton Thursday also strongly condemned the killing of Haitian Justice Minister Guy Malary, 50, saying it was a "desperate attempt to thwart the will of the Haitian people for democracy," White House Communications Director Mark Gearan said. A senior White House official said measures being consi-

An unidentified family member stands over the body of Haitian Justice Minister Guy Malary Thursday after the minister and his bodyguards were gunsed down in Port-Au-Prince (AFP photo)

Asked if the president had ruled out using U.S. ground forces, the official, according to the Post, said: "We will not

rule out anything."
Mr. Malary's death further angered a White House already frustrated by the refusal of Haiti's military leaders to turn over power to democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide by the end of the month.

Mr. Aristide, exiled in a September 1991 coup, said in a statement: "I strenuously deplore the assassination and urgently call for an end to the senseless acts of violence

against the Haitian people."
U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali warned political assassins in Haiti the United Nations would redouble its efforts to restore democracy in the Caribbean nation.

The U.N. chief expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Malary, his two body-guards and a fourth unidenti-fied person, shot down by Gunmen in Port-Au-Prince.

"I also express my deep sympathy with (exiled) President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, with Prime Minister Robert Malval and with the people of Haiti on their loss," he said.

But he said in a statement: "If those who have perpetrated this crime believe that their actions have weakened the resolve of the international community, they are mistaken.

'The United Nations and

the Organisation of American States will now redouble their efforts to promote the return of peace and democracy in

The statement was released in New York as Dr. Ghali was in Cairo at the beginning of a

Wednesday reimposed an oil and arms embargo on Haiti because the Haitian army and police were violating the July agreement under which Mr. Aristide is supposed to return to Port-Au-Prince.

tians refused to allow 200 U.S. military trainers to land on the island.

against international pressure, ment, briefly held some legislators hostage and expressed radio reported.

here. Peking reacted similarly to the inclusion of Zhang's film and Tian Zhuangzhuang's Blue Kite in the recent Tokyo Film Festival. A film official :efused to confirm whether the banned Hong Kong production companies were responsible for these films. Zheng was quoted as calling the breach of con-

trip through Africa.
The U.N. Security Council

tract conditions "intolerable" caused economic loss to approved pornography or vio-lence, he said. The action came after Hai-

In another show of defiance members of a pro-military group marched into parliatheir support for army chief General Raoul Cedras, local

Book: Bob Hope had extramarital sex life LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Bob

Hope traded girlfriends with Bing Crosby and kept beautiful women in apartments near his home so he could visit them ou. his midnight stroils, Geologic Mark's son claims in an unduthorised biography of the comedian. A Hope spokesman de-scribed The Secret Life Of Bob Hope by Arthur Marx as "just . a lot of old stuff, nothing activities. Among its allega-

suburban Toluca Lake home and visited them during his midnight strolls.

— Hope often chose beauties for his overseas tours from those he expected would

bed with him. - Dolores Hope, the come-

dian's wife for 59 years, was aware of her husband's transgressions but would never divorce him because of her Ruman Catholic religion. "I think Bob has done a lot of good things in the world," Marx said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "I'm not throwing rocks; I'm just telling the story of his life. If a few rocks come at him, that's the way he lived." Asked for a reply, Hope publicist Ward Grant said: "We're not dignifying the book with any comment. I: always deplore those who make a living off the degradation of others. I hope (Marx) makes a lot of money off the book so he can buy his own damned life." Marx, 72, has written a book about his father, Life With Groucho (He threatened to sue me"), as well as unauthorised biographies of Red Skelton, Dean Martin and .

Bosnia enclave shelled, forest on fire

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnian Serbs and Croats shelled the Muslim enclave of Maglaj killing three people and wounding eight and starting a forest fire, Muslim-controlled Sarajevo Radio reported Fri-

Muslims in the embattled enclave and nearby Tesanj, which shelter 143,000 starving people in north central Bosnia, repeated an appeal for food and medicine after Serb red tape forced two U.N. aid convoys to turn back Thursday ...

The towns have been inac!! cessible to road aid convoys since June 1 and many people were reported to be starving.

The radio said that 500 people expelled by Bosnian Croats rom Prozor, Livno and the Kupres area had reached the central Muslim town of Bugojno, bringing the number of refugees to have arrived in the town in the past month to

Sarajevo, which sustained heavy shelling Thursday, appeared quiet Friday morn-

Koreas

in the North.

of special envoys.

man said.

month.

tions.

is no sign the exchange visit of special envoys will take place

in the near future." the spokes-

The outcome dashed bud-

ding hopes the Koreas were on

the road to conciliation, early

reports from the border having

indicated the chief delegates of

the two sides would meet pri-

vately after the official session.

But the Southern spokesman

said a miscommunication from

the talks venue of Panmunjom,

straddling the heavily-fortified

demilitarised zone (DMZ),

had caused the false optimism.

Young-Dae told Northern

delegates he hoped the envoy

exchange could take place this

But Northern officials again

demanded Seoul first declare a

halt to its annual "Team Spir-

it" military exercises with the

United States, war games that

the North says are a dress

was ready to study "flexibly"

the Northern call for an end to

"Team Spirit", but only if the

North first cleared up suspi-

cions over its nuclear ambi-

Mr. Song said Friday Seoul

rehearsal for invasion.

Seoul's chief delegate Song

Two Spanish U.N. peacekeepers have been slightwounded in heavy shelling Bosnian Croat forces of the Muslim section of the southern Bosnian city of Mostar, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

A total of 54 shells exploded

Thursday in eastern Mostar, U.N. spokesman Bill Aikman

The two Spaniards have since been evacuated, the U.N. Protection Force (UN-PROFOR) spokesman added. Other than Mostar and Sarajevo, Aikman said Bosnia had been "reasonably calm"

during the past 24 hours. On Thursday, tanks fired shots in the Dobrinja area close to Sarajevo Airport and there were exchanges of small arms fire in several parts of the

General Jean Cot, commander of UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia, has protested about a recent "disgraceful" attack on Belgian peacekeepers by Serb guards, a statement released here FriGen. Cot lodged a formal complaint with Yugoslav Army Chief of Staff General Momcilo Percic, following an incident Oct. 9 which left three Belgian soldiers wounded, the UN-PROFOR communique said.

The assault occurred at a U.N. checkpoint at Batina Bridge in northeast Croatia which links Serbia to the selfproclaimed Serb Republic of Krajina in Croatia. A party of 16 armed Serbian

guards forced their way across the bridge and assaulted the UNPROFOR officers on duty there when they attempted to disarm them.

The Serbian guards were reported to be members of the "Brigade Of Tigers," a paramilitary group which protects Serbian leaders in Krajina.

A planned exchange of thousands of prisoners of war between Muslim and Croatian forces was put off at least until next week and a Croatian military official rejected a suggestion from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the exchange.

in command. Russian heartland rocks

> "It's an absolutely minor event which will be overcome in a few days' time," Mr. Duhalde told reporters.

Menem undergoes emergency surgery

BUENOS AIRES (R) -Argentine President Carlos Menem, architect of his country's economic turnaround. was recovering in a hospital Friday after emergency surgery on a blocked artery feeding his brain.

and a keen sportsman, had arteriosclerosis — an agerelated hardening of blood vessels - and diabetes. Mr. Menem was rushed

Doctors said Mr. Menem, 63

Thursday to a heart clinic after he fell ill, cancelling a trip to Chile. But Mr. Menem did not

hand over power to his younger brother, Eduardo, the president of the Argentine Senate, who under constitutional rules would be the next Mr. Menem's former vice president, Eduardo Duhalde,

who quit two years ago to become governor of the rich and powerful province of Buenos Aires, quickly quashed speculation that Mr. Menem's health scare could have political repercussions.

PEKING (AFP) - Torture in

China has become more fre-

quent and ruthless in some

places despite a nearly two-

year attempt to stop it, accord-

ng to an official newspaper.

In March, prosecutors said

,687 cases of police and

ustice officials extracting con-

fessions by torture had been

investigated since 1988, when Peking signed the U.N. Con-

China's top prosecutor Zhang Siqing also vowed at the

time to crack down on torture

and punish any offenders, in

line with a decision announced

But in one of the most de-

tailed and critical exposes of

torture in China, the Henan

Legal News said that in Henan

province alone, 41 criminals

and innocent suspects were kil-

led by torture from 1990 to

Seventeen, or, more than 40

per cent of the victims, died

last year, during which 62 cases

of torture were uncovered, 24

"Recalling the last year,

there is no doubt that the

problem of torture still exists.

The trend of torture has not

declined," the paper said. "On

the contrary, more and more

bloody incidents have occur-

With the figures represent-

ing just one province, the re-

port was an indication of a

national trend of persistent tor-

per cent more than 1991.

1992.

decided to ignore the order ture, as alleged by Western altogether, ITAR-TASS said. I governments and human rights

in January of last year.

vention Against Torture.

U.N. German medic killed in Cambodia

Cambodia reacted with shock and anger Friday to the murder of one of their col-

dered against Haiti were reim-

position of U.S. sanctions,

such as freezing Haitian assets in the United States and res-

tricting Haitian travel to the United States.

Mr. Clinton is expected to

announce over the next few

days what form the sanctions

enforcement will take. He did

not rule out use of U.S.

He told a news conference:

"Blockade is a term of art in

international law which is

associated with a declaration of

war, so I have to be careful in using that word."

Defence officials said the

United States is considering

moving warships into waters

off Haiti to enforce the trade

sanctions, but no final decision

A senior House of Repre-

sentatives Democrat, repre-

sentative Charles Rangel of

New York, said the assassina-

tion justified a U.N. military

intervention in Haiti. "I think

we've reached the end of di-

plomatic initiatives," he told

Another Democratic con-

gressman, Joseph Kennedy,

called for a U.S. military

embargo or blockade against

Haiti and a ban on commercial

flights to Haiti.
The Washington Post, in its

Friday edition, quoted a senior

official as saying naval enforcement was "the least" of the

military options under consid-

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had been made.

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warships.

"I told the parents and wives I would bring all my staff home," said senior comman-ding officer Lieutenant-Colonel Wolfgang Siebert, breaking into tears.

'We're more than 10,000 kilometres (6,000 miles) from our home country. We've spent a lot of time giving help to the Cambodian people and this is the thanks," he said. Sergeant Alexander Arndt of Hildesheim in Hanover was shot dead by unknown

assailants Thursday night while driving with a fellow sergeant in search of a petrol station. Sgt. Arndt, an intensive care nurse, became the first German peacekeeping to die since

PHNOM PENH (R) — Weeping German U.N. medical staff the 150-strong medical contingent was deployed to Cambridgent w

"UNTAC came here on a humanitarian mission to help the Cambodian people — what has happened is unfathomable," a stunned Colonel Siebert said, referring to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia. Colonel Siebert said he

would try to motivate and counsel his staff not to harbour ill feelings towards Cambodians as a result of Sgt. Arndt's murder: The German medical contin-

gent, which has treated more than 100,000 Cambodian outpatients, is scheduled to leave for home on Oct. 31st.

After dinner at the La Pailiote Restaurant, a popular spot for off-duty U.N. personnel. the two men driving a U.N.marked four wheel drive pickClose to the UNTAC Head-

quarters in central Phnom Penh their vehicle was overtaken by two men on a motorcycle who produced a heavy calibre pistol and fired three or four shots into the car, said Colonel Siebert. "The first shot was deadly,"

he said, adding the bullet entered under Sgt. Arndt's left arm, passed through his heart and lodged in his right side. A second shot wounded the other sergeant in the knee and a third shot lodged in the left fender of the vehicle.

Despite his wound, the German managed to drive to the field hospital five kilometres away where, despite 40 minutes of resuscitation attempts, Sgt. Arndt died.

as Soviets are stamped out make no MOSCOW (AFP) — The upheadway heaval that rocked Moscow in talks on earlier this month has slowly moved to the Russian heart-

land as Bolshevik-era Soviets battle Preisdent Boris Yeltsin's envoy swap hand-picked regional administrators for power. SEOUL (R) - South and There have so far been no North Korea met at their border for the second time in 10 reports of regional deputies barricading themselves in local days Friday but failed to settle a bitter row over inspection of

parliament buildings as hap-pened in Moscow, but the dissuspected nuclear arms plants mantling of councils in Russia's A Southern spokesman said 89 republics, districts, territorthe two sides broke up after ies and regions is nevertheless two and half hours of fruitless facing resistance. talks on a proposed exchange About 15 regional councils "The two sides only agreed to meet again on Oct. 25, there

have defied the dissolution order, according to reports from news agencies and newspapers, forcing local governors to unilaterally seize power and claim control over local fi-

Several Russian republics. who were "advised" by Mr. Yeltsin to follow suit and hold early elections to their parliament, have also been dragging their feet, presidential adviser Nikolai Medvedev said.

The defiance from certain pockets in the country raised questions as to whether Mr. Yeltsin would be forced to take firmer measures to force re-

gions to comply. The 15 diehard regional councils were among 23 Soviets that opposed Mr. Yeltsin's Sept. 21 decree dissolving parliament and sided with the legislature in its armed revolt.

"This could lead to 23 vedees," commented the Russia newspaper Moscow News in a reference to the province that fiercely opposed Republican rule in France during its revolution.

"We could have 23 regional conflicts ... or wars.." it added. Mr. Yeltsin a week ago announced that the Soviet would be replaced by new legislative bodies and suggested that local deputies be elected on Dec. 12 along with members of the new Federal Assembly. He said all powers of the

Soviets would be transferred pending the elections to Kremlin-appointed governors who are representatives of executive authority in the regions. The administrator of the

Chelyabinsk region in the Russian Urals, Vadim Solovyov, Friday announced he was unilaterally dissolving the local legislature which had refused to comply to Mr. Yeltsin's decree. ITAR-TASS reported.

He said that criminal proceedings would be launched against the leaders of the Soviet for their role in supporting the armed parliament rebellion in Moscow and charged that the local parliament had refused to revise its condemnation of Mr. Yeltsin's decree dissolving the parliament.

Other anti-Yeltsin Soviets in the central Russian city of Vologda and the Siberian centre of Irkutsk have retracted their resolutions condemning Mr. Yeltsin's decree. Mr. Yeltsin's adviser on re-

lations with the Russian hinterland, Nikolai Medvedev, complained this week that republics, which enjoy a greater autonomy from Moscow, were 'delaying self-reformation." Interfax reported.

The coal-rich Komi Republic, Mordovia in central Russia and Kabardino-Balkaria in the Russian Caucasus were attempting to postpone elections until next year, the adviser said. The parliament of Buryatia

Friday decided to extend its

mandate until March 1994, In-

terfax reported while the Jew-

ish Autonomous Region of

Birobidjan, in eastern Siberia,

Torture is getting worse in China: official paper groups, such as Amnesty Inter-

"Methods of torture have become more cruel," the paper said in its Oct. 7 edition, adding that police used an "arrest, interrogate, beat" method.

It cited cases in which victims were bound and hung up, had boiling water poured on them, were hit with bottles, burnt with cigarettes, or whipped with plastic and leather

It also reported some cases of "hooliganism" and victims being humiliated, including placing electric prods on their genitals. The paper said 168 Henan judicial and police officials in-

volved in torture were tracked

down, bust the outcome of the cases was not given. "We represent law enforcement in our country, so why do law enforcers knowingly violate the law and (torture people)? Is it feeling privileged or a sign of incompetence?" A

senior law official was quoted Added a veteran prosecutor: "At a time when some Westera legislators have focused on and make an issue of Chinese 'human rights', why don't we cooperate and unite to put our

own house in order?" The paper said a few leaders excused torture by saying that violations of discipline were unavoidable and that a crackdown would dampen the enthusiasm of law enforcement It added that prosecutors,

justice and court officials in some areas obstructed investigations into torture and when cases were brought to court, often let offenders of without any punishment. In one case, local officials

tried to cremate a torture victim's body before the prosecutor's office found out about it. Officers that rely on torture to break a case are not criticised, but are cited for merito-

rious service and rewarded,"

the paper said. A rise in crime had overtaxed the resources fo Chinese police, forcing them to let contracted security personnel handle cases virtually alone, it said, but the main problem was the poor quality of law en-

forcement officers. Since announcing its decision to crack down on torture last January, the Chinese authorities have given prominent coverage to a number of torture cases and jailed law enforcement officials involved.

But the punishment is usually light and often meted out only after repeated protests by citizens, many of whom are still afraid to report cases of torture for fear of further persecution.

Meanwhile, foreign experts at a conference on East Asia's future said Friday, China will march on to economic dominance in the 21st century, and

will not be knocked off course when Deng Xiaoping dies. In interviews, they disagreed with an analysis by two

eminent Chinese scholars that China would face a Yogoslavian-style breakup when its ailing, 89-year-old paramount leader dies. 'Clearly the death of Deng Xiaoping will be a major hic-cup," said Tim Williams, direc-

tor and group adviser on China

affairs at Brokerage Schroders Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong. But it's my very strong belief that the personnel and policy changes that have taken place, particularly over the last couple of years, will ensure that the transition will be a relatively smooth one," he

"I know there are more people who think that China can break up," concurred Noordin Sopree, director general of Malaysia's Institute of Strategic and International Studies, "but I think this is

very, very unlikely."

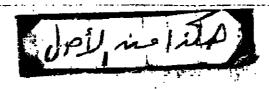
Concern that China might split apart like Yugoslavia soon after Mr. Deng dies - unless Peking takes drastic steps to check regionalism - featured in a report to senior leaders by the state-run Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Written by political scientist Wang Shaoguang and economist Hu Angang, the report forecasted a power struggle between Peking and the provinces, as well as interprovincial clashes.

being published this month, said the 90-year-old entertainer had an active extramarital sex life. "It's believed Bob" Hope has made love to more beautiful women than Errol! Flynn, my uncle Chico and -Bing Crosby combined." Marx wrote. Stories of Hope's sexual activites have circulated in Hollywood for decades, some privately told by the comedian himself. An occasional magazine article touched on them. but Hope always brushed aside the reports publicly. Marx's book is the first to suggest such tions as excerpted in this week's supermarket tabloid. Star: - "Hope and Crosby used to trade girlfriends - the bimbo, one-night-stand types so common on studio lots. If Crosby found a girl he thought was particularly good in bed, he'd promptly introduce her to Hope, and vice versa." - Hope once told an agent about an appearance: " Money's OK. Just be sure to get me the best hotel suite, the best masseur and the best - Hope kept beautiful

booker in town." women in appartments near his

Jerry Lewis, Mickery Rooney and Samuel Goldwyn.



Becker, Edberg and Chang out of Tokyo event

TOKYO (R) - Boris Becker followed Stefan Edberg and Michael Chang out of the 1 million Tokyo Indoor Tennis Tournament Friday, losing to defending champion Ivan Lendi.

Lendl, who has slipped to 18th in the world from being number one during the 1980s reached the semifinals with an emphatic 6-3 1-6 7-6 win over

the second-seeded Becker. The defeat meant none of the top three seeds made it into the last four. Edberg, the number one, was beaten 6-4 6-4 by American Todd Martin, while third seed Chang lost 4-6 6-3 7-6 to unseeded Greg Rusedski of Canada.

The 33-year-old Lendl, who has won the Tokyo title four times, had been through a dismal season until he came to Tokyo, losing in the first round of nine tournaments and win-

ning only one event. But the ninth seeded Lendl was back on form Friday, executing crisp baseline shots and consistenty passing a frustrated Becker at the net.

Becker, the world number three, saw his first serve desert him in the tiebreak.

Lendl last beat the German in the fourth round of the 1992 U.S. Open and Friday's win put their career head-to-head score at 11-10 in the Czechborn American's favour.

Edberg, like Lendl, has suffered a poor season and his Mackiustre performance Friday gave the 10th-seeded Martin

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an unexpectedly easy victory. Edberg, who has won only one title this year and has slipped to sixth in the world rankings, looked uneasy from the outset.

The usually immaculate Swede, who won here in 1987 and 1991, lost his first service game and continued to serve badly throughout the match.

Martin took advantage of his off-colour play and lack of concentration and, with his aggressive game, pushed Edberg into making countless unforced errors.

Edberg paid tribute to his opponent, who won by taking:

"Todd played pretty well to-day," said the Swede. "He had a few chances and took more chances than I did."

"I had a few chances to break him but every time when I had a chance, I missed the ball by an inch or something ... It was a pretty close match but he took the opportunities and that really did the difference." Edberg said.

But the Swede hopes to move up to the top five by the end of the year and do better in

"Next year is another year. Hopefully, I'll have a little bit more consistent year and I'd like to play as well as I can at the French Open," added Edberg, who has won only one title in Madrid in April this

England may miss World Cup finals

LONDON (Agencies) — Its team was embarrassed on the field and its fans disgraced on the streets. England soccer had a bad hangover Thursday.

For the first time since 1978, England will likely miss the World Cup finals. The nation's only consolation is that it probably won't suffer the embarrassment of having its soccer hooligans running rampant in the United States.

The 2-0 loss Wednesday night to the Netherlands virtually eliminated England's finals hopes, and 600 arrests of English fans in Rotterdam dashed any promise that fan violence is on the wane.

"It think they're a disgrace, Prime Minister John Major said. "I think they're an embarrassment to this country and we must look to see what action we can take to stop it

occurring again."

British papers screamed one-word headlines of "shame" and "disgrace" to describe the mayhem. Similar words were also used to denounce the officiating at the

Manager Graham Taylor was furious that Dutch striker. Ronald Koeman was not thrown out of the match after a foul on David Platt during a breakaway at the edge of the penalty area in the second half. Minutes later. Koeman nailed a free kick to give the Netherlands the lead.

"FIFA rules say the man who scored Holland's first goal should not have been on the field," Taylor said. "He was the last line of defence and should have gone off. The referee didn't apply himself as honestly or bravely as he should have done."

The press, which has been calling for Taylor's head to roll since embarrassing losses to Norway and the United States early this summer, was largely on the manager's side for a

change. "Cheats Taylor fury at re-

feree," headlined the Daily Mirror, and the Sun added: 'You can only feel sorry for

him this morning.' "End of the world: Dutch crush sad Taylor's finals dream," said the Daily Star. "They carved out Graham Taylor's epitaph in blood here last night. It read simply -- is there any justice left in the

Other papers were not so sympathetic, noting that the Dutch team was robbed of a goal when Frank Riikaard was ruled offside before putting the ball in the net in the first half. Television replays appeared to show Rijkaard's position was legal before the pass was sent

"Managers mistakes come home to roost," said the Times, which focused on Taylor's five controversial lineup changes from England's 3-0 victory in Poland last month. The Evening Standard implored that the Football Association should "find the next England manager now."

Taylor insisted he would see out his contract, which expires next June. "I have never not honoured a contract, and we have one World Cup qualifying game to go," Taylor said. "From my

point of view there has got to some dignity about these things. An FA spokesman said Taylor's future would not be discussed until after the final game at San Marino, which England must win by seven

goals — while hoping Poland beats the Netherlands — to qualify for the finals. The United Kingdom, which boasts itself at the birthplace of the game, now faces the embarrassing prospect of not being represented in the finals for the first time since 1938.

Scotland is out for the first time since 1970 and Northern Ireland is also eliminated. Wales, whose only previous appearance came in 1958.

final game to stave off the shutout, barring an England

But across the Irish Sea. Englishman Jack Charlton is managing Ireland to its second berth in a row, though its hopes were dealt a setback Wednesday in a 3-1 loss to Spain. Ireland now needs to beat Northern Ireland next month to qualify.

The defeat was Ireland's first in a full international at Dublin in eight years, prompting one chain of Irish bookmakers to offer a refund of more than 30,000 Irish pounds (\$43,800) in bets placed on the home

We are giving the money back to punters who bet on Ireland to win to help ease the depression which has over-come the nation," spokesman Stewart Kenny of Paddy Power Bookmakers said. "I think the least the bookmakers in England could do is to do the same for all the people who backed England.

English bookmakers are unlikely to match the generosity of their Irish counterparts. Instead, William Hill is quoting Howard Wilkinson, who took Leeds to the English League title in 1992, as a 7-2 favourite to be named the next England manager. England is a longshot 16-1 to qualify for the

Meanwhile the German referee criticised by England manager Taylor for his decisions in the World Cup match defended his actions Thursday.

"I felt I refereed to game objectively. Three or four offi-cials from FIFA told me that afterwards as well," Karl-Josef Assenmacher told Reuters. "I felt it was neither myself nor the players' night tonight.

It was about incidents that the

match officials failed to deal with properly," Taylor said after the match. "I haven't watched it on television because I haven't

needs to beat Romania in its had time," Assenmacher said of the incident. "But the way I saw it, it wasn't so bad, that's why I only gave the yellow

> "I asked the linesman, did he feel it was a professional foul and he said: 'No, I did not see it as a professional foul..' Assenmacher had plenty of sympathy for England, who he

"I understand that England are very disappointed. Their chances of qualifying now are minimal, and England are a team that belong at a World

Cup," he said.
"The English played very well and they could have gone ahead themselves. I'm sure that's why they are even more disappointed. But I think you have to act in a fair manner. You have to to say well. OK, we were unjuckly, and not lame the referee."

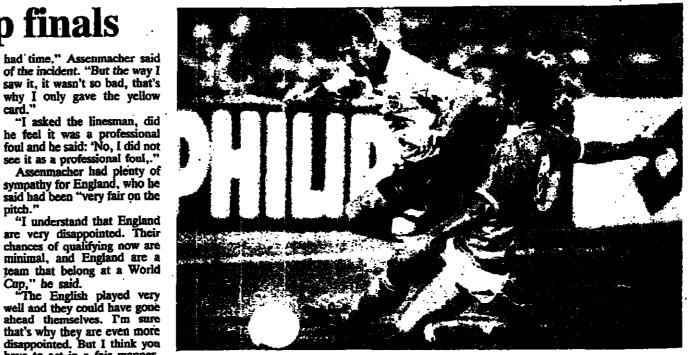
U.S. World Cup officials exessed both sadness and relief at the prospect of England's likely failure to qualify for next year's World Cup tournament in the United States.

"England has a long soccer history and sadly it seems unlikely that they'll be in the World Cup," said spokesman John Griffin Thursday from World Cup USA 1994's New York office. The absence of England.

and their infamous following of hooligan fans, would lighten the security load for the 24nation tournament.

World Cup USA 1994 Chairman Alan Rothenberg, who was part of a U.S. delegation in Rotterdam for the match. put the England result in pers-

'On the one hand, you had to lose one of the great powers that really burts. On the other hand, we can live with-out the hooligans," Rothenberg was quoted as saying by USA Today. "The Dutch have some, too, but they are a distant second."



(right) and England's Alan

Roger Kelly, in charge of security at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, where the World Cup final will be played next July, said he wasn't worried by what he saw in Rotterdam.

"What we saw last night would not create a major prob-lem for us in Los Angeles," Kelly said.

A U.S. delegation will be observing security arrangements in Qatar, where six nations — including Iraq, Iran and North Korea — began play offs Friday for two berths from

the Asian Group. "The Americans are what you might describe as a little nervous about the possibility of such teams qualifying," said Asian Football Confederation (AFC) General Secretary Peter Velappan."

France staggered by loss A disbelieving French press Thursday compared France's stunning World Cup qualifier loss against Israel to Goliath's defeat by David, and worried that a seemingly sure berth in the World Cup qualifier in

the 1994 finals might now slip 'I feel like the sky fell on my head." said French Captain Jean-Pierre Papin.

The confident French headed into Wednesday night's match unbeaten in seven straight World Cup qualifiers and holding first place in the six-team Group 6. A win over Israel would have guaranteed a trip to the United States next

Israel was last in the group, without a victory, and had lost 4-0 to France in Tel Aviv. An upset seemed impossible, and with seven minutes

left at rain-soaked Parc Des Princes the French held a 2-1

"We had the victory in our hands," said French coach Gerard Houllier, recalling the incredible turnaround that produced two swift Israeli goals and one of France's most stinging defeats.
"It was an enormous dis-

appointment," Houllier said. 'It was an accident, a huge mistake ... There was collecRotterdam Wedenesday (AFF

tive breakdown, especially in clearing the ball."

The French can still redeem

themselves and join the 24team finals in the United States, but the challenge is one they hoped to avoid. They play Bulgaria at home on Nov. 17 needing at least a tie to make the finals. Bulgaria, which beat France 2-0 in Sofia last year at the start of the qualifications, will get the berth if it wins. "Now we'll see if we're men," Papin said. "I'm sure

the Bulgarians will be supermotivated. But that doesn't scare me. We have a score to settle with them.

Papin and fellow striker Eric Cantona expressed disappointment with the crowd at Parc Des Princes. Many seats were, empty, and the fans on hand were relatively unenthusiastic, even whistling derisively when Papin missed a good scoring chance in the second half.

A loss to Bulgaria, and exclusion from the World Cup finals, would be an almost unbearable blow for French soc

Short optimistic after steady draw in title chess match

LONDON (R) - Briton Nigel Short continued his revival in the World Chess Championship Thursday with a solid draw in game 17 of his title challenge, neutralising Garry Kasparov's advantage of the

Short, 28, shrugged off early pressure from the world chamthe upper hand after a clever sequence of moves which Kasparov said he had seen but

GLASGOW, Scotland (AFP)

- Celtic face a race against

time to have Lou Macari instal-

led as boss before Saturday's

clash with top-of-the-table

Negotiations over com-

pensation to Macari's current

club. Stoce City, are dragging on with the English Club holding out for £500,000.

But Celti who have debts.

opponents possessed both the bal-

ance of power and the master suit, so East-West were not going to buy

the contract. The competitive bid of three hearts had considerable reper-

cussion in the play.

West lad the king of clubs and, in response to East's signal with the nine, continued with ace and anoth-

er club. Declarer finessed the ten. East ruffed and shifted to a heart.

East ruffed and shifted to a heart. Declarer took the ace, ruffed a heart on the table and cashed the king of trumps before leading a low trump. In the abstract, the odds favor a 3 2 trump split, so putting up the ace would appear to be the percentage play. But declarer had considerable information about the hand. To rebid hearts at the three-level required at least a circum suit and

quired at least a six-card suit and the play had marked West with four clubs. That left only three "un-known" cards in the West hand. Against that, no more than six of

East's cards were known, leaving at least seven cards in spades and dia-monds. Therefore, East was more than twice as likely as West to hold.

then twee as meny as west to hold the queen of spades. So when East produced a low trump on the second round of spades, declarer finessed confidently. When the ten held, the

contract was in the bag.

Hibernian.

Celtic wait on Macari

mistakenly ruled out as not possible.

The players disagreed about their position before Kasparov's error, Short considering it equal while Kasparov, now leading the 24-game series by 11 points to six, said he stood

At a news conference in parov was asked why he had committed so many oversights in the match.

approaching £5 million, see

that as unrealistic as Macari has only eight months to go on

his current contract. They are believed to have offered

If there is no breakthrough,

Frank Connor will pick the side to face the Premier Divi-

sion pace-setters at Easter

Road. Defeat would leave Cel-

tic six points adrift of Hibs.

"I'm not playing well, that's a good answer -\it's the only answer." he replied.

"Td like to remind people that if you look closely enough, a normal game of chess is riddled with errors, even at the World Championship level,"

He said he felt "a little rush excitement" when he wrested the advantage from Kasparov, but realised it was not enough to win

Short refused initially to comment on discussions on changing the format of the match — Kasparov earlier mentioned speeding the games up - to provide greater entertainment if the result of the match is decided before game

Short later told Reuters he was firmly against any exhibition games and fully intended to exercise his right to play all 24 games as serious encoun-

DOHA (AFP) - North Korea came from two goals down to beat Iraq 3-2 in the opening match of Asia's final World Cup qualifying tournament

> Iraqi centre-forward Alaa Jebur scored a goal at the start of each half. But North Korea fought back after Iraqi full back Saad Benyamin was sent off in the 47th minute for a second yellow card offence.

But Kyu Song-gun and Kim Gyon-Gil scored equalisers in a 10-minute spell in the middle of the second half when North Korea took control of the

Choe-won-man headed the winner in the 82nd minute. Rival nations fighting for Asia's two spots in the World Cup finals have been warned to be on their best behaviour by FIFA Secretary General Sepp Blatter.
Blatter had a last "team

N. Korea beat Iraq in Asia World Cup opener

talk" with representatives of all six teams on the eve of Friday's first games between Iraq and North Korea, and Saudi Arabia against Japan. The presence of Gulf rivals Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran,

and a competition pitting South Korea against North Korea, as well as Japan, has drawn worldwide attention on the two-week event. Two teams will go from the Asian second qualifying round to the finals in the United States next

Aware that the slightest incident could provoke an international row, Blatter summoned team representatives to the International Federation Headquarters in Zurich several weeks ago, a FIFA official

"On Thursday night, Mr. Blatter talked to the teams again to tell them how important the tournament is and what standards of conduct are expected of them," the official

Blatter has shipped in a team of experienced European referees to guard against claims of prejudice. But events off the pitch are largely out of his hands. And FIFA officials acknowledged mounting tension in team camps because of the

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stakes involved and in some cases political pressure. The Iraqi delegation has admitted that it is also out to

score political goals.

The main thing for us is playing football. We are sportsmen," said Iraqi Foot-ball Federation member Moaged Majeed, in an interview with the Gulf Times.

"But it is very important for us to reach America. It is vital for the people back home beembargo against us.

"It is also important occause America has angered us. They declared war on us," he added.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Arafat tells unions to move to Jericho

TUNIS (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chair man Yasser Arafat has invited PLO-linked unions and organisations to move to the West Bank town of Jericho after Israel starts to withdraw in December. PLO officials said on Friday Mr. Arafat made the invitation in a meeting with Revolutionary Council members of the PLO's mainstream Movement Fatch. This will permit the unification of the inside and outside wings of the unions and organisations," a participant at the meeting quoted him as saying. There are 14 PLO-linked unions, mostly based in Tunis or Amman. Hayder Ibrahim, secretary general of Palestine Trade Unions Federation, told Reuters he did not expect it to happen soon. "I believe that this will need negotiations with Israel," he said. Israel said that during the five years of interim self-rule agreed with the PLO, it will control immigration to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But it said it was ready to allow exiled Palestinians who will be part of the self-rule Palestinian authority to return home after negotiations.

Senate lifts U.S. sanctions on PLO

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The Senate approved early Friday the Middle East peace facilitating act allowing President Bill Clinton to lift U.S. sanctions against the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The bill extends the authorisation to April 1, 1994, amending a House of Representatives version that only made it good through January 1. Lawmakers argued that despite the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace accord of Sept. 13. Congress needed to keep the organisation under close watch. The measure allows Mr. Clinton to waiver a federal ban against the PLO operating offices in the United States or receiving funds through international organisations. Following the Israeli-PLO agreement granting limited autonomy to the Israeli-occupied territories, the United States has moved to improve its ties with the PLO, previously shunned for its link to "terrorist" activities.

Israeli and Arab babies named "peace"

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli and Palestinian parents are setting a new trend by naming their children "Shalom" and "Salaam" in anticipation of peace following the Sept. 13 autonomy agreement, a newspaper reported Friday. The daily Yediot Aharanot said 150 Jewish babies had been given the name Shalom or peace in the last month. And dozens of Palestinian parents had opted for Salaam in the occupied territories, the newspaper said without providing exact figures. The autonomy agreement came into effect in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on Wednesday.

Pakistani, Afghan beheaded for drug trafficking

RIYADH (AFP) - A sabre-wielding executioner beheaded a Pakistani and an Afghan for heroin smuggling in full public view in a square here Friday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The Pakistani, Mir Salam Nur Mohammad, and the Afghan, Nadr Mohammad Shah Gul, were the 76th and 77th common criminals to lose their heads in the kingdom this year. Drug smugglers, dealers and addicts have faced the death penalty in this strict society since 1987.

Cartoonist jailed for allegedly depicting Khomeini

TEHRAN (AFP) - An Iranian cartoonist who allegedly sketched the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has been jailed for 10 years, Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi said Friday. Manoocheh Karimzadeh was arrested shortly after the cartoon was published in the April 1992 issue of Farad, a little-known science magazine in Iran. It depicted a bearded man playing soccer with an amputated hand and leg. Mr. Yazdi, speaking at Friday prayers, said, however, that the magazine's managing director had been acquitted of his charges. The picture, which was intended to show the poor state of Iranian soccer, was thought to resemble Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic, and was judged offensive to Islam. It outraged religious leaders, with hardliners calling for the execution of the publisher and cartoonist. Newspapers had said earlier that Mr. Karimzadeh was given one year in prison and fined \$350.

Iran to train commando forces

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iran is to create a special commando force to battle anti-government rebels and maintain security in its western province of Kurdistan, Interior Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said quoted by Tehran Radio Friday. Mr. Besharati, who was speaking to reporters in the city of Sanandaj in Kurdistan, vowed to restore security to the area, which has been a scene of battles between Kurdish rebels and government troops. "Security is our main slogan, and we are organising a special task force to seriously deal with the problem of insecurity in Kurdistan," he said. The minister called on both the army and the revolutionary guards to assist the police in creating the force. Iran, which accuses the opposition Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI) of carrying out "terrorist acts," launched cross-border attacks against rebel bases inside Iraq in July and

U.S. troops converting to Islam

ABU DHABi (AFP) — U.S. sailors, who converted to Islam in in droves during the 1991 Gulf war, are continuing to do so on their tours of duty in the oil-rich region, according to a report published here Friday. Britons are the least interested of all Western visitors in learning about the region's religious culture. while Filipinos were the most zealous converts to Islam, the report added.



CHARITY WALK: Her Royal Highness Princess Aishah Bint Al Hussein Thursday stood-in for Her Majesty Queen Noor in leading a charity march organised by the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) to mark the National Day for Cerebral Palsy. The march started from Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel and ended in Al Ahli

club premises. Taking part in the march were 1,500 people. CPF . President Fakhri Bilbeisi, who took part in the march, said the event was aimed at awaring people of the nature of cerebral palsy, explaining its reasons and means of prevention and raising funds to support the foundation's projects (Petra phio)

Yeltsin calls referendum to approve new constitution

Boris Yeltsin Friday announced a referendum on a new Russian constitution to be held on Dec. 12. The same day as the general elections.

The referendum on the stillto-be published draft would give the choice of constitution to the "undeniable power of the people," Mr. Yeltsin said in the decree announcing the

If voters approve the draft, the new constitution will come into force as soon as the referendum results are published, ITAR-TASS reported. citing the presidential press

The draft constitution. which replaces the Soviet text of 1978, will be published on Nov. 10. It is currently being prepared by a second constitutional conference, which began work Friday.

The new constitution is expected to give greater power to an executive presidency. Voters will have to reply yes' or 'no' to a single ques-

tion: "Do you accept the constitution of the Russian federa-The decision to opt for a referendum comes at the end

of several months of trying to get a reformed constitution past conservative politicians elected in the Soviet era. Faced with the opposition of the conservative-dominated

parliament, Mr. Yeltsin tried to get Russia's regional representatives to pass a new basic

But the constitutional conference which met in July encountered greater difficulty than Mr. Yeltsin expected as the various regions bargained

for greater autonomy. By dissolving parliament by decree last month, and getting troops to drive the hardline deputies out of parliament on Oct. 4, Mr. Yeltsin cleared the decks for reform, and popular endorsement through plebis-

Former Russian Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi and former Speaker of Parliament Ruslan Khasbulatov have been charged with "organising mass disorder," Interfax News Agency reported. The two led last month's anti-Yeltsin re-

The offence carries a prison sentence of between two and 15 years.

Former Security Minister Viktor Barannikov was also charged in connection with the abortive revolt by parliamentary hardliners. Interfax said, quoting the prosecutor general's office.

A presidential spokesman said Friday Mr. Yeltsin has no intention of cracking down on human rights in Russia, contrary to press reports.

Interfax quoted the spokesman as denying the report in Thursday's Izvestia that the president had a draft decree which would enable him to toughen the powers of the state of emergency declared on Oct.

"He has not seen such a draft and, even if it does exist,

spokesman told Interfax. The report expressed fears that such a decree would leave Russians "helpless against the arbitrary powers of the govern-

Earlier officials said the emergency decree, imposed the day before troops stormed the parliament building, would be lifted on Monday, but a police crackdown on crime in Moscow would continue.

"The state of emergency will be lifted in Moscow at 5 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Oct. 18," said Alexander Kotenkov, head of the Russian legal department. Mr. Kotenkov, quoted by ITAR-TASS, added, however,

that "a toughened regime of law enforcement will continue" after the state of emergency and the curfew were lifted. Thousands of Caucasians

and citizens of former Soviet republics in Asia have already been deported from the Russian capital under the

emergency powers.
Interior Ministry troops arrested 95 Kurds from Iraq Thursday night while they were holding a demonstration in Pushkin Square. A city council official told AFP they were detained under the emergency laws for illegal residence.

Mr. Kotenkov said that the crackdown "would not undermine the constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens, first of all voters' rights in light of the upcoming election campaign to the federal assembly."

Rabin visits Indonesia

JAKARTA (AFP) — Yitzhak Rabin made a surprise stop here Friday, the first ever by an Israeli premier, to discuss the Middle East peace process with President Suharto, leader of the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Mr. Rabin, whose arrival here came after his first-ever official trip by an Israeli prime minister to China, met with Mr. Subarto for about an hour at the Cendana presidential palace, Indonesian State Secretary Murdiono said.

The unscheduled stopover was all the more of a surprise since Israel does not have diplomatic relations with Jakar-

Mr. Murdiono stressed that Mr. Suharto welcomed Mr. Rabin not as Indonesian president but as president of the Non-Aligned Movement, and cautioned that the talks did not mean Indonesia and Israel would soon forge diplomatic

"The possibility will be considered phase by phase," he said. "The aim of Israel, in coming here, is to obtain Indonesia's support for the peace process so that it can proceed owards a positive direction."

The meeting, which took place after Friday prayers in Indonesia, was at Mr. Rabin's request, he said. The meeting took place in a

'cordial but correct" atmosphere in which Mr. Suharto repeatedly stressed hopes for a 'consistent implementation' of the Israeli-Palestine Liber-

tation Organisation (PLO) peace accord signed Sept. 13, Indonesian Foreign Minister

Ali Alatas said. Mr. Suharto felt it was necessary, Mr. Murdiano said, to hear from both sides in the Middle East. He met PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in

Jakarta on Sept. 24-25. Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-populated nation, has been a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause.

Mr. Rabin said in a radio interview that he spent 90 'very important" minutes with Mr. Suharto and asked him to support the Sept. 13 Palestinian autonomy agreement. "President Suharto leads the

biggest Muslim country in the world and a major figure in the Non-Aligned Movement," Mr. Rabin said. The agreement with the PLO and the start of negotia-

tions on implementing auton-

omy had "opened new hori-

zons for Israel," Mr. Rabin "For years we have aspired to see the Arab-Muslim world open up and wished for meet-

ings like this." "I asked him (Suharto) to back the peace process and to help widen the circle of sup-porters," Mr. Rabin said.

Later Friday he travelled on to Singapore. A brief twoparagraph statement from Singapore's foreign ministry said only that Mr. Rabin would meet Prime Minister Goh Chok tong and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew on Saturday.

PLO, Israel on fast track

(Continued from page 1)

of negotiations that will in the end bring the refugees of '48 to sovereign Israel," Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio.

Mr. Beilin, one of his country's most dovish politicians. represented Israel at multinational talks on Middle East refugees this week in Tunis.

He told the radio the future of those displaced in 1948 was "perhaps the most difficult and certainly the most protracted subject" of talks on refugees.

But Mr. Beilin said he believed each side understood the other's "red lines" - or

Security chiefs reaffirm allegiance

(Continued from page 1) man Al Udwan sent the King a cable also pledging continued support for the Monarch's poli-

"We pledge to remain loyal to the King and the nation and to protect the country's security and stability," Gen. Udwan He said that the PSD fully

supported King Hussein's policies as outlined in his Oct. 12 address, giving guidelines to the nation about democracy and national unity, and discussing various regional and international developments.

Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi said the Senate mem-

bers "stand behind their leader and his relentless efforts to serve the Palestinian people and their just cause.'

"The sacrifices offered of the Hashemite family for the sake of Jernsalem and its holy places are indelible facts in history to be remembered by the generations to come," he

Mr. Lawzi said the senate "will do everything possible to contribute to the general elections' success and the election of a selected group of people worthy of shouldering the serious responsibility towards their nation.

Sharif Zeid's return 'timely'

ities' relationship "is a good record to have at the top at this time," as one analyst put it. This and other analysts also

expect that Sharif Zeid's good relations with different sectors of the political scene "will les-sen the sense of political frag-mentation" which has resulted from the Aug. 17 change of the electoral law and the signing of the Sept. 13 agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) especially when the Kingdom is less than a month away from holding a national elections.

"Sharif Zeid's return (to the Royal Court) will help smooth out the rough edges of the past few months," a source close to the Royal Court told the Jordan Times. The source said that the combination of the largely "technocratic govern-ment" of Dr. Majali and the relative inexperience of (for-mer) Royal Court Chief Khaled Karaki had made politicians uneasy during the past several months."

"Greater balance should result from the appointment of Sharif Zeid, who has had a long first-hand experience with the day-to-day politics of the country," another analyst said. Sharif Zeid's job should be made easier by the concurrent appointment of former Tourism Minister Yanal Hikmat who is a veteran of Royal Court administrative and protocol duties - as an advisor to the King.
"Mr. Hikmat will probably

be entrusted with many organisational duties that would leave the Royal Court chief with more time and space to deal with the political issues," the source close to the palace said. Mr. Hikmat was replaced at

the Ministry of Tourism by Dr. Mohammad Udwan, who resigned his post as chief of protocol at the Royal Court. Dr. Karaki, who was

awarded the Kawkab Medal of the First Order in appreciation of his exceptional service and commitment to his duties as chief of the Royal Court was appointed as advisor to His Majesty. He will also head the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Bait Foundation). He replaced Dr. Nasseriddine Al Assad. who was awarded the Al Nahdah Medal of the First Order.

Electioneering gets into gear

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many candidates when they turned up to file their nominations. An eyewitness reporting from Irbid said one candidate had staked the pole position at a registration centre at around 4:30 a.m., four hours before the office was scheduled to

As soon as the clock chimed 12 midnight Wednesday, trucks and pick-ups were seen criss-crossing Amman and other towns unloading banners, and some candidates were even seen elbowing each other for prime positions for their election themes to be beamed to the voter, through banners and posters.

Arabic dailies are not yet

being used to their full capacity as a venue for campaigning. Only a dozen or so advertisements appeared on their pages Thursday and Fri-

Following Friday's noon prayers, mosque-goers came out to the sight of their cars decorated with various leaflets and flyers.

According to officials, 1,213 polling booths will be available on Nov. 8 with 1,485 ballot boxes for men and and 1,416 for women. Vote-counting, expected to start immediately after the booths close in the evening of Nov. 8, will be entrusted to over 900 commit-



Mercouri to seek return of marbles

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -One day after returning to the post she had held in the 1980s. Culture Minister Melina Mercouri said she would renew efforts to have Britain return ancient marble sculptures taken from the Parthenon. "I will ask the cabinet (for approval) to renew the struggle for the return of the Parthenon marbles," Ms. Mercouri told Athens' Antenna Television station. During the Socialist administration from 1981 to 1989, Ms. Mercouri campaigned for the British Museum to return the sculptures removed from the Acropolis by British diplomat Lord Elgin before Greece's independence from Turkey early last century. Britain refused. The Socialists returned to power in Sunday's parliamentary election, and the new cabinet was sworn in Wednesday. The white-columned Parthenon, a temple dedicated to the goddess Athena on the Acropolis Hill in Athens, was completed in 438 B.C. The greatest architects and sculptors of the time worked on it. Many of its sculptures have since been destroyed, and the pieces taken by the Turkish occupiers are among the best surviving work.

Comet expected to slam into Jupiter

WASHINGTON (R)

Astronomers may have an unusual opportunity to witness a celestial collision next July when a comet is expected to crash into Jupiter, U.S. scientists said Thursday. Referred to poetically as the "string-ofpearls comet" because it consists of a train of about 17 perfectly aligned fragments, the Shoemaker-Levy 9 Comet is expected to cause a nuclearlike explosion when it plunges into Jupiter's dense atmosphere. Since the collision is expected to occur on Jupiter's back side, which would be facing away from the Earth, only NASA satellites are likely to have front row seats to the event. But fragments may flash brightly as they burn up in the Jovian atmosphere and give a dramatic backlight to at least two of Jupiter's moons, according to a calculation published in Friday's issue of Science magazine. "Impacts of the largest fragments would generate a spectacular show for an observer located at the right place at the right time," astrophysicist Zdenek Sekanina of the U.S. Space Agency NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory wrote in the Science article. The space agency is expected Monday to release new comet data gathered by the Hubble space telescope. A NASA spokesman said this new, more precise data on the comet's size may lead scientists such as Sekanina to adjust their calculations but he did not say to what extent adjustments might be necessary. Such collisions occur about once every 30 years, according to one estimate. What is more extraordinary about this comet is that, if current calculations hold, scientists should be able to track its path before the crash occurs. That will allow them to observe both its orbit and the collision in detail. Some of the display should be visible to earthbound skywatchers, according to Sekanina's calculations.

Churchill archives to remain in U.K.

LONDON (AFP) - Winston

Churchill's papers, under threat of sale to a U.S. buyer, are to remain in Britain following a deal between the Chur-chill family and the government, the Daily Telegraph reported. The Observer newspaper had reported the late stateman's family was "conscious that American universities would bid many millions for the archives" which are kept in Churchill College Cambridge, and include 30,000 documents estimated to be worth £5 million (\$7.5 million). But Peregrine Churchill, one of Churchill's nephews, told the Daily Telegraph that a deal to keep the archives in Britain had been worked between the family, the Chartwell Trust which owns the papers and Britain's National Heritage Ministry. There was no mention of the sum the British government had agreed to pay to keep the papers in the country. The Observer had said that money from any sale would be used in part to maintain the Churchill cemetery at Blaydon

Ministry to decide on Halibuna by Thursday and Health.

By Ian Atalla Special to the Iordan Times

AMMAN — The National Society for Consumer Protection (NSCP) has issued a statement alleging that some 35,000 bags of the Danish powdered milk, Markat Halibuna, which are at present in the warehouses of the Ministry of Supply, are unfit for human consumption due to irregularities in packaging and should be destroyed. The statement also indicated that the ministry was planning to distribute this milk in the public market for sale to consumers. The NSCP statement resulted in a public controversy and a dispute between the ministry and the

The bags are the remainder of some 300,000 imported to Jordan in three shipments during March and April of 1993. After undergoing standard testing procedures at the Ministry of Health to determine their fitness for consumption, about 255,000 bags were sent to the public market, 9,000 were condemned due to punctures and tearing in the bags, and the remainder of 35,000 were set aside because they contained abnormally high amounts of nitrogen and other gases, used in the preservation and packaging process, which caused the packages to become overly inflated and swollen during shipping.

The NSCP, according to its Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Abdul Fatah Al Keilani, was . concerned that the overly inflated packages were highly susceptible to tearing and rupturing before their sale to consumers. He said that with some 4,000 of these packages, that had already been the case, adding that: "within two hours after any rupture, the milk will contain billions of micro-organisms and will

cause food poisoning." A short while ago, Dr. Keilani said, the Ministry of Supply had sent an official letter to the Ministry of Health asking for permission to send the remaining bags which were not officially condemned to the public markets. The NSCP objected. "The containers should be automatically condemned," said Dr. Keilani. "This

should not even be discussed the judgement is clear from the beginning.

As a result of the difference in opinion between the NSCP and the Ministry of Supply, he said, "the situation became very difficult. For three days, we could not meet with the minister of supply where in the past we just had to phone him."

As the NSCP has no legal authority to prevent the release of the milk, he said, "we felt that our only option was to go to the people and make a public announcement.' In a press conference on

Thursday, Radi Ibrahim, the minister of supply, stated his position. He explained that the sole authority to determine whether or not the milk was fit or unfit for human consumption lay with the Ministry of Health, and a series of extensive laboratory tests had shown the milk powder itself in the packages in question was perfectly fit for consumption without any defects. Therefore, he had no authority to condemn the milk without the government being charged by commercial

suppliers for its complete

His Majesty King Hussein Thursday decorates Khaled Al Karaki and Na ssereddine Al Assad

He said that his ministry was now awaiting a decision on the milk's status from the Ministry of Health, and emphatically stressed that the Ministry of Supply had never sent any food substances to the public unless it first had clearance from the Ministry of Health that the food was fit for human consumption.

Obviously angered by the NSCP's announcement, Mr. Ibrahim condemned "the attack which the ministry has been exposed to on the part of some newspapers and various people," concerning the overall quality and safety of the ministry's food supplies. "We do not accept any party claim that it is more concerned with the health of the people than the government departments" responsible for

The NSCP, he said, was not the party which would be harmed by any disruptions or problems in the supplying of food to consumers. The parties which would be hurt directly, he said, were firstly the consumer himself and then the Ministries of Supply

Answering the NSCP charge, Dr. Keilani said that "it is our legal and moral responsibility towards consumers to raise our opinion in this interior." this situation. We are talking about around 40,000 containers, which is a very large quantity.

Rahim Malhas said his ministry had now gone back to test the remaining packages, and would make a decision by next Thursday. "I assure you," he said,

Minister of Health Abdul

"that no milk will go down to the market before we are sure that it is 100 per cent Dr. Keilani stated that:

"There is no reason for

panic," commenting on the fact that some people apparently interpreted the wording of the NSCP's announcement to mean that the Ministry of Supply had already distributed large quantities of spoiled or dangerous milk to the public. 'We never talked about the milk on the market now. And our announcement is very clear on that."

